
Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2023/24

Committee considering report:	Council
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1 Purpose of the Report

The Annual Report provides a summary of the work of the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board in 2023/24. It outlines progress made in working towards the aims and objectives of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Berkshire West and implementation of the Delivery Plan for West Berkshire. It demonstrates how the Board has continued to assess the health needs of the local population. It also shows how the Board has delivered in terms of integration of Health and Social Care through the Better Care Fund.

2 Recommendation

For Council to note the Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report for 2023/24.

3 Implications and Impact Assessment

Implication	Commentary
Financial:	There are no financial implications associated with this report
Human Resource:	There are no HR implications associated with this report.
Legal:	<p>The report demonstrates how the Health and Wellbeing Board has discharged its duties under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.</p> <p>Although there is no legal requirement to prepare an annual report, it is considered to be good practice to present the report</p>

	to Council and publish it on the website in order to raise the profile of the Health and Wellbeing Board locally.			
Risk Management:	There are no financial implications associated with this report			
Property:	There are no HR implications associated with this report.			
Policy:	The report demonstrates that the Health and Wellbeing Board has been working in accordance with national guidance.			
	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Commentary
Equalities Impact:				
A Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?		X		
B Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users?		X		
Environmental Impact:		X		
Health Impact:	X			The report summarises the activities that the Health and Wellbeing Board has undertaken to improve the health and wellbeing of the citizens of West Berkshire
ICT Impact:		X		

Digital Services Impact:		X		
Council Strategy Priorities:	X			Health and Wellbeing Board activities relate to Priority 2a: 'Prioritise Support for those who need it most'
Core Business:		X		
Data Impact:		X		
Consultation and Engagement:	Health and Wellbeing Steering Group Corporate Board			

4 Supporting Information

Background

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2023/24 provides a summary of how the Board has worked together to:
- deliver the aims and objectives set out in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
 - implement the actions set out in the Strategy's Delivery Plan;
 - identify and respond to the changing health needs of the local population and the services designed to address them; and
 - promote better integration of health and social care services.
- 4.2 The report highlights some of the key achievements of the Board and its partners over the last year, as well as looking ahead to priorities for the coming year for each of the five priorities in the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Items of particular interest are described in more detailed case studies. Detail is also provided on the most recent Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Conference, which was focused on Primary Care and Community Outreach.
- 4.3 The Cost of Living Crisis has been a key focus for the Board over the last year and there is a summary of how the Board and its partners have worked together to respond to the challenges arising from this.
- 4.4 In addition to looking back at the previous year, the annual report also touches on some of its priorities for the year ahead.

4.5 A key milestone from the last year was the development and approval of the ICB's Primary Care Strategy, which highlights ambitions for the future of general practice, community pharmacy, optometry (eye care) and dentistry across the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Healthcare System. This has major implications for the delivery of health services in West Berkshire, so a summary of the strategy is provided at the end of the Annual Report.

Proposals

4.6 For Council to note the Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report for 2023/24.

5 Other options considered

None – the report is to note only.

6 Conclusion

The Annual Report provides a summary of scrutiny activity over the previous municipal year. A copy of the report will also be made available on the Council's website.

7 Appendices

Appendix A – Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2023/24.

Background Papers:

[Health and wellbeing boards: guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing-boards)

[Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2021 2030 Dec 202111.pdf \(westberks.gov.uk\)](https://www.westberks.gov.uk/media/10000/Berkshire_West_Health_and_Wellbeing_Strategy_2021_2030_Dec_202111.pdf)

[Better Care Fund policy framework 2023 to 2025 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/better-care-fund)

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: No:

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| The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Considered or reviewed by Scrutiny Commission or associated Committees, Task Groups within preceding six months | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Item is Urgent Key Decision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Report is to note only | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Wards affected: All wards

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