

Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2024/25

Report being considered by: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Item for: Decision



1. Purpose of the Report

The Annual Report provides a summary of the work of the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board in 2024/25. It outlines progress made in working towards the strategic 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 sought to improve integration of Health and Social Care through the Better Care Fund.

2. Recommendation(s)

For Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the Annual Report for 2024/25 and be informed that it will be presented to Council

3. Implications

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 to Council and publish it on the website in order to raise the profile of the Health and Wellbeing Board locally.</p>
Risk Management:	Not applicable

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Property:	Not applicable			
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:	Public Health Team Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board			

4. Supporting Information

Background

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2024/25 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 LGA review of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the associated workshop.

4.3 The Cost of Living Crisis and Housing have been key areas of 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 these challenges.

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.

Proposals

4.5 For Council to be informed of the Health and Wellbeing Board’s Annual Report for 2024/25.

5. Other options considered

None.

6. Conclusion

The Annual Report provides a summary of 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 2024/25.

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/12345/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)

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priorities Supported:

The proposals will support the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities:

- Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people
- Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives
- Help families and young children in early years
- Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people
- Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults

The proposals contained in this report will support the above Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities by highlighting 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, and the priorities for the coming year.
