
Development of the Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Report being considered by: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Item for: Information

1. Purpose of the Report

To give an update on the development of the Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

2. Recommendation(s)

To note that:

- the Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be refined and finalised following the outcome of the public consultation.
- the development of the delivery plan for West Berkshire to take place concurrently with the public consultation, to ensure that there is enough time to engage with stakeholders and key partners.

3. How the Health and Wellbeing Board can help

3.1 For the Board to support the public consultation (23rd June – 4th August 2021).

3.2 For members of the Board to support the development of the local delivery plan which will describe how West Berkshire will implement the new Strategy.

Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Executive for final determination?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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4. Introduction/Background

4.1 The Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been in development since March 2020.

4.2 Regular updates on the development of the Strategy have been provided to each of the three Health and Wellbeing Boards and also to the Unified Executive of the ICP.

4.3 The draft Strategy is currently undergoing a six week public consultation period (starting 23rd June 2021).

5. Supporting Information

5.1 The stages of the Strategy development are as follows:

Phase	Timeframe
Defining the current state	March – July 2020
Prioritisation Process	August – September 2020
Public engagement and further engagement with stakeholders	October 2020 – February 2021
Production of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy	March - June 2021
Public Consultation (six weeks)	June – August 2021
Development of local delivery plans for West Berkshire	June – August 2021
Refinement of the Strategy and production of the final version	August 2021

5.2 The new Strategy consists of five health and wellbeing priorities:

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

5.3 The priorities are interrelated and interdependent, with the number one priority of reducing healthy inequalities acting as a pillar and all eight principles driving all implementation plans.

5.4 The eight principles of the Strategy are: Recovery from Covid-19, Engagement, Prevention and early integration, Empowerment and self-care, Digital enablement, Social cohesion, Integration, and Continuous learning.

5.5 Each Health and Wellbeing Board is now developing their own delivery plan to describe what local actions need to be taken in order to implement the shared Strategy. These will also include actions to be taken at a Berkshire West level, when there are clear benefits to working at scale across a larger geographical footprint.

5.6 In West Berkshire, the development of the delivery plan started with a HWB Workshop on 24th June. This workshop included a breakout room discussion for each of the five priorities.

5.7 The discussion for each priority focused on the following questions:

- (1) What do we need to do locally to implement this priority?

- (2) How can we measure our progress and what indicators should we use?
- (3) Which partners do we need to work with?

- 5.8 The delivery plan will include targets for the actions under each priority, along with indicators to measure our progress over the next ten years.
- 5.9 Following the workshop, further engagement is now taking place with key partners and stakeholders, along with the Health and Wellbeing Board Steering group and its Sub-groups to develop the delivery plan.
- 5.10 It is proposed that the following groups will take ownership of each of the new priorities.

Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people	Health inequalities taskforce
Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives	TBC
Help children and families in early years	Children's Delivery Group
Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people	Children's Delivery Group (Berkshire West Future in Mind group)
Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults	Mental Health Action Group Suicide Prevention Action Group

- 5.11 Delivery of the second priority (support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives) may be undertaken by a number of existing groups, including: Homeless Strategy group, Building Communities together, Ageing well task group, Skills and Enterprise Partnership and the Carers Strategy Action group. There is not currently one group which would provide oversight of all of the work against this priority.

6. Options for Consideration

- 6.1 For development of the delivery plans to proceed as outlined above, alongside the current public consultation on the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This would enable ongoing engagement with key partners and stakeholders as part of this process.

OR

- 6.2 To wait until after the public consultation on the draft Strategy is completed, before developing delivery plans for implementation. However, this may result in less engagement with stakeholders and has the potential to delay the completion of the Strategy and delivery plans.

7. Proposal(s)

For development of the delivery plans to take place alongside the public consultation.

8. Conclusion(s)

- 8.1 This paper presents an update on the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and plans for development of a local delivery plan for West Berkshire.

- 8.2 Once the public consultation has been completed, the Strategy will be further refined. The final Strategy and accompanying delivery plan will be presented to the HWB in September 2021.

9. Consultation and Engagement

The public engagement undertaken as part of developing this strategy is described in the associated engagement report.

10. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Berkshire West

Appendix 2 – Draft Public Engagement report

Background Papers:

None

Health and Wellbeing Priorities 2019/20 Supported:

- First 1001 days – give every child the best start in life
- Primary Care Networks

Health and Wellbeing Strategic Aims Supported:

The proposals will help achieve the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy aim(s):

- Give every child the best start in life
- Support mental health and wellbeing throughout life
- Reduce premature mortality by helping people lead healthier lives
- Build a thriving and sustainable environment in which communities can flourish
- Help older people maintain a healthy, independent life for as long as possible

The draft Strategy includes a new set of strategic aims, which once adopted will guide the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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