

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD

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Implementing "Improving Health and Care through the home: A National Memorandum of Understanding" in Worcestershire

Board Sponsors

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Priorities

Mental health & well-being

Being Active

Reducing harm from Alcohol

Other

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Yes

No

No

Housing, health and
social care

Safeguarding

Impact on Safeguarding Children

If yes please give details

To support disabled children to remain independent at home.

Impact on Safeguarding Adults

If yes please give details

To support older and disabled people maintain their independence at home

Yes

Yes

Item for Decision, Consideration or Information

Decision

Recommendation

1. The Health and Well-being Board is asked to:

- a) **Confirm its commitment to supporting the delivery of the principles of "Improving Health and care through the home: A Memorandum of Understanding (Feb 2018)",**
- b) **Agree to the implementation and monitoring of the initial actions at 9, 10 and 11 below, in conjunction with the Worcestershire Strategic Housing Partnership and to develop an action plan with timescales from the initial evidence and resources workshops,**
- c) **To receive bi-annual reports setting out progress against the MoU Indicators of Success through an action plan, the first report being provided to the September Board.**

Background

2. The Board held a development session on 24 April 2018 at which it considered a range of briefings on the importance of housing in meeting the objectives of the Board and its partners, with a focus upon the approach set out in the 2018 National Memorandum of Understanding – "Improving health through the home" (the MoU). (attached).
3. There followed a wide ranging group discussion, including invited District Council and Housing Association Chief Executives, which highlighted strong agreement about the positive opportunities that could be achieved for local residents by further developing the role of housing in support of health and social care objectives. The notes from the development session are attached for information.
4. It was recognised that there is already some very good practice and co-operation in Worcestershire and the national MoU document highlights Worcestershire as a place where collaboration and systems leadership is having an impact. Early relationships between the new Neighbourhood Teams and Local Housing Authorities and Housing Associations were proving to be very positive.
5. Significant opportunities were highlighted to improve strategic and operational collaboration across what is a complex system, including better understanding the needs of residents into the future, making the best use of existing resources such as the Better Care Fund, including more co- commissioning and supporting shared learning and knowledge amongst front line professionals.
6. The scope of the MoU work is upon maintaining the independence of older and disabled residents (including children), reducing hospital admissions and assisting with effective hospital discharge. The new 2018 MoU also includes homelessness for the first time and this is specifically addressed in more detail by the Worcestershire Strategic Housing Partnership (WSHP) who are co-ordinating countywide partnership approaches to reducing homelessness amongst both adults and children. The Board also monitors the Homeless Health Charter work to which it is a signatory.
7. By reaffirming its commitment to supporting the delivery of the MoU's principles and working alongside the Worcestershire Strategic Housing Partnership, the Board will expect to see increasing evidence and outcomes relating to the seven key indicators of success outlined in the MoU. It is proposed that the Board agrees to support partnership activity and workstreams that are aligned to those MoU indicators of success and this activity is set out below. The key indicators of success are:
Better Strategic Planning; Better understanding of the preventative role of housing; greater collaborative care; Better use of resources; Improved signposting; More shared learning; Wider sector engagement.
8. It is proposed that the Director of Adult Services (DAS) and the Director of Public Health (DPH), working with the chair of the WSHP, commence work on the following key areas and develop more detailed plans as required, with formal update reports twice a year or as necessary to the Board.

9. Evidence and needs: The DPH scopes the current JSNA and other housing and related needs based assessments to consider what needs assessments and information are currently available across the system and how this could be enhanced to improve understanding of resident's future needs, to assist in the planning of resources and services.

10. Resources and commissioning: The DAS leads workshops to consider which key services operate in the wider system, which commissioned services (including those funded through the Better Care Fund), could be in scope for review and where improved co-operation can take place to avoid duplication and identify possible support opportunities.

11. Strategic planning and governance This is ongoing as highlighted by MoU work developments, but there will now be a requirement on all statutory agencies to identify how they are implementing the MoU and practically working together with partners. This will be demonstrated by progress in a range of current and future activity. It could include, support for and active participation in the WSHP and its plans, the development of co-operation with housing in the Neighbourhood teams, the STP signing up to the MoU principles, the community occupational health review, supporting social prescribing, affordable warmth activity, the role out of Making Every Contact Count (MECC), implementing the Worcestershire Loneliness plan, digital inclusion activity, extra care housing developments and planning and new homes policies. Further consideration will be given to any wider governance relationships including the STP, Integrated Care System developments and the Worcestershire Alliance Board role.

12. Action planning: It will be necessary to develop a plan to set out the key actions and timeframes to progress this work. Other actions in support of MoU principles will be taking place through other governance routes but will be referenced as necessary in reporting back to the Board. Initially the evidence and needs and resources and commissioning work will commence with initial meetings of key stakeholders in June. This will then allow more detailed consideration of the action planning process which will be reported back to the Board.

Legal, Financial and HR Implications

13. N/A

Privacy Impact Assessment

14. N/A

Equality and Diversity Implications

15. Not relevant at this point

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Supporting Information

- Improving Health and Care through the home: A national Memorandum of Understanding (Feb 2018) (on-line)
- HWB Development session notes 24/4/18 (on-line)

Background Papers

Charter for Homeless Health