

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD

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ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACES) ACTION PLAN

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Priorities

Mental health & well-being

Being Active

Reducing harm from Alcohol

Other (specify below)

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Yes

Yes

Yes

Safeguarding

Impact on Safeguarding Children

An improved understanding of vulnerability would be expected to mitigate against harm to children.

Yes

Impact on Safeguarding Adults

An improved understanding of vulnerability would be expected to mitigate against risk for vulnerable adults.

Yes

Item for Decision, Consideration or Information

Information and assurance

Recommendation

1. The Health and Well-being Board is asked to:
 - a) Consider the ACEs event write up and draft ACE action plan.
 - b) Ensure that each organisation represented by the Board continues to attend future ACE events and plays an active part in the delivery of action to prevent and respond effectively to ACEs across the life course.

Background

2. A briefing highlighting the evidence base linking adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) to severe negative health and social outcomes across the life course was presented to Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2017. Board members

accepted that a joined up response was needed and input would be required from all partners including the police. The Board agreed to host and attend future ACE events and play an active part in the formulation and delivery of action to prevent and respond effectively to ACEs across the life course.

3. An ACE workshop was coordinated by Public Health and delivered to a multiagency audience on 24 January in the Council Chamber. The purpose of the day was to create shared understandings, approaches and actions. The workshop highlighted the evidence base and shared a number of local or regional examples of ACE informed practice to create a shared understanding of what all agencies can do.

4. The workshop was very well attended with almost 100 partners, stakeholders and front line practitioners. The day was very well evaluated with 100% ranking the event as good to excellent and that they received valuable learning from the day. A number of attendees said the event will inform their practice or service delivery, they would raise ACEs within their service and look for further ACE resources or tools. Others fed back they would like further ACE events and/or training.

5. The write up of the event is provided for the Board. From the evidence and good practice shared and group work undertaken at the event a proposed ACE action plan has been drafted. A multiagency ACE working group from across all agencies is proposed to further develop and implement the action plan.

Legal, Financial and HR Implications

6. N/A

Privacy Impact Assessment

7. N/A

Equality and Diversity Implications

An Equality Relevance Screening has been completed in respect of these recommendations. The screening did not identify any potential Equality considerations requiring further consideration during implementation.

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Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 – Workshop write up
- Appendix 2 – Draft ACE action plan