

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

17 OCTOBER 2022

WORCESTERSHIRE JOINT LOCAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

Summary

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) will receive a Report on the new Worcestershire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS).
2. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Wellbeing and Senior Officers from Public Health have been invited to the meeting.

Background

3. Further to sharing the findings of the JLHWS consultation with HOSC on 8 July 2022, this report:
 - provides further assurance of due process and robust consultation in the development of JLHWS; and
 - shares the JLHWS following approval at the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 27 September 2022.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy Development

4. Health and Wellbeing Boards were established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to act as a forum in which key leaders from the local health and care system could work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population. The JLHWS supports this collaborative working, outlining plans to improve the health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities in the local population.
5. Following the annual Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) in 2019, a working group was formed in summer 2020 to review identified health needs and considerations. The Health and Wellbeing Board reviewed evidence and local data throughout 2021 and concluded that the overarching priority for its 10-year strategy should be good mental health and wellbeing.
6. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board, supported by the Public Health team, planned a detailed and far-reaching public consultation to gather the views of residents, partners and stakeholders to ensure that the JLHWS is driven by the needs and experiences of those who live and work in Worcestershire.

Strategy Consultation

7. A formal 12-week consultation survey closed on 2 May 2022 which asked a series of questions to gather views and gauge agreement with the vision, priority and supporting areas. In addition to the survey, which was shared widely through

the County, 30 focus groups were commissioned from a range of community groups and organisations.

8. The survey received 1,627 responses. Respondents reflected both positive and negative sentiments towards the survey questions. Common topic areas across all the comments received were explored further by analysts. Quantitative analysis of the responses demonstrated strong agreement with the proposed vision and priority areas.

9. The results from this wider engagement work will also inform the development of action plans which will support the delivery of the JLHWS. The Health and Wellbeing Board is committed to ongoing engagement, with findings being used to refine action plans as necessary and support the JLHWS as it evolves over the ten-year period.

10. Respondents highlighted key considerations and recommendations in shaping the final JLHWS. This included the desire for outcomes and measures of the JLHWS to be clearly defined, to measure progress over the course of the JLHWS, and ensure it remains flexible to changing needs in the population.

11. Across the responses, respondents raised concerns over information and advice, access to help and support, as well as stressing the importance of physical health alongside mental health. Respondents were concerned about the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the cost of living, with continued rises impacting on mental health and wellbeing.

12. The findings from the consultation were fed back to Health and Wellbeing Board members and discussed with system leaders. The feedback helped to shape the JHLWS and the ambitions within and will be used to help shape action plans.

Worcestershire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2023

13. Following this detailed consultation, the Health and Wellbeing Board reviewed all the findings and feedback received and agreed to focus its new JLHWS on good mental health and wellbeing, supported by action on the wider determinants of good mental health as demonstrated in the graphic below which also shows the Health and Wellbeing Board's vision for the JLHWS.



14. The JLHWS focuses on early intervention and prevention as well as focusing action on the wider determinants of health and tackling health inequalities through collective action and partnership working.

15. The JLHWS outlines the Health and Wellbeing Board's commitment to improve mental health and wellbeing, supporting people to live well in good health for as long as possible, particularly those who have poorer health outcomes. The Health and Wellbeing Board will champion collective action to ensure children have the best start in life, young people will have hope and aspiration for the future, and residents live longer, more independent lives in good health, with fewer people going on to need care and support.

16. The consultation findings highlighted several important areas to target, these alongside other opportunities for action collectively create the JLHWS's ambitions (Table 1 below). This includes reference to improved tailored and accessible information and advice, through to specialist mental health services and support. The JLHWS recognises the issues in accessing the services and support needed to have good mental health and wellbeing. It also recognises the significant impact that the COVID-19 pandemic and rising cost of living has had and continues to have on mental and physical health. The Health and Wellbeing Board will continue to work with system partners to assure these issues are being addressed.

Our Priority
Good Mental Health and Wellbeing
Ambitions:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will take a whole population approach to improving mental health and wellbeing and preventing mental ill health across Worcestershire 2. We will continue to align and support local partnership strategies that contribute to improving mental health and wellbeing 3. We will maintain our commitment to reducing health inequalities 4. We will continue to engage with local communities over the lifetime of this JLHWS

Supported by action on:
Healthy Living at all ages
Ambitions:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will support people to start well, live well and age well so they can live a greater proportion of their lives in good health 2. We will enable people to improve and maintain their own health and wellbeing and make healthy lifestyle choices 3. We will support people to live healthy and independent lives for longer, with appropriate support and care available when they need it

Supported by action on:
Safe, thriving, and healthy homes, communities, and places
Ambitions:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will continue to improve access to healthy, safe, affordable, and warm homes that support a better quality of life and good mental health and wellbeing 2. We will work to improve our communities and places, making sure good mental health and wellbeing is at the centre 3. We will continue to protect our environment and promote the positive benefits it has for our mental health and wellbeing

Supported by action on:
Quality Local Jobs and Opportunities
Ambitions:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will work to improve access to quality jobs, training, and volunteering opportunities 2. We will work with businesses and organisations to support people to develop within their jobs, or in getting back to work. 3. We will work with businesses and organisations to promote inclusive, healthy, and productive workplaces

17. More detailed ambitions can be found within the JLHWS document available in **Appendix 1**.

18. A range of outcomes and indicators will be used to measure the impact of this JLHWS, this will be a mix of local data, engagement, feedback and case studies. The framework will be monitored by the Health and Wellbeing Board and will continue to be reviewed and updated to ensure it uses the most relevant and best quality data available.

Next Steps

19. The final JLHWS is due to be agreed at Cabinet in November 2022 following agreement from the Health and Wellbeing Board and Council meetings.

20. A set of detailed plans with clear actions, milestones and timescales will be developed, with support of Health and Wellbeing Board members, these will outline how the JLHWS will be delivered. More specific sets of outcomes and performance indicators will form part of the action plans to assess the impacts of this JLHWS. Action plans will be driven by the best available evidence, local need, previous learning, and findings from the JLHWS consultation. Population, whole system

approaches will be used, however, the Health and Wellbeing Board will ensure focus and target areas and communities which need it most.

21. The JLHWS will be implemented and monitored by the 'Being Well Strategic Group', supported by the Being Well Delivery Group. These groups will work with other boards, partnerships and forums across the system to recognise ongoing action and may task or delegate as appropriate, in support of the plans. Progress in implementing the Strategy will be regularly reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

22. Health and Wellbeing Board champions will support the development and delivery of actions plans. Supported by continued engagement with stakeholders, partners and the public to support the implementation of the Strategy and action plans.

23. The newly formed Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) is responsible for joining up services across the NHS, Local Authority, and voluntary and community sector partners to meet the health needs of the population. Through its clear focus on improving mental health and wellbeing, this JLHWS will form a significant part of Integrated Care Strategy that the ICP will be publishing in December 2022.

Issues for the HOSC to Consider

24. HOSC is asked to note the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board in developing the JLHWS and its plans to develop action plans which will support the implementation of the strategy priorities and ambitions.

25. HOSC is asked to reflect on the Health and Wellbeing Board's commitment to ongoing engagement in its work, including linkages with wider engagement undertaken across Worcestershire.

Purpose of the Meeting

26. HOSC is asked to consider the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy provided and agree:

- Whether any further information is required at this time, and
- Whether there are any comments to highlight to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Health and Wellbeing

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 Worcestershire Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Appendix 2 Consultation document:

[Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation 2022-2032 | Worcestershire County Council](#)

Download: [Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation 2022 – 2032 \(PDF\)](#)

Download: [Consultation Summary \(PDF\)](#)

Download: [Health and Wellbeing Consultation Summary Easy Read \(PDF\)](#)

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Democratic Governance and Scrutiny Manager), the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

[Agenda and Minutes for Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Friday 8 July 2022](#)

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