

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD			
Report Title	Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme		
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report presents the Health and Wellbeing Board with a draft work programme (included as Appendix 1) for discussion and approval.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are invited to:

- Approve the draft work programme and schedule of meetings
- Consider additional items proposed
- Propose additional items to be included in the work programme

3. Strategic Context

- 3.1 The activity of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is focussed on delivering the strategic vision for Lewisham as established in *Shaping our Future* – Lewisham’s Sustainable Community Strategy and in Lewisham’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 3.2 The work of the Board directly contributes to *Shaping our Future’s* priority outcome that communities in Lewisham should be Healthy, active and enjoyable - where people can actively participate in maintaining and improving their health and wellbeing.
- 3.3 There are a number of core duties defined in the Health and Social Care Act 2012 which underpin the work of Health and Wellbeing Boards. These include:
- To encourage the integration of health and social care commissioning and provision;
 - To undertake a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to identify the health and wellbeing priorities of the local population;
 - To develop a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy outlining how the board intends to achieve improvements to local health outcomes.

4. Background

- 4.1 The work programme is a key document for the Health and Wellbeing Board. It allows the Board to schedule activity, reports and presentations across the

year. It also provides members of the public and wider stakeholders with a clear picture of the Board's planned activity.

- 4.2 The HWB has agreed that the work programme would include regular progress updates on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and a progress update in relation to the Adult Integrated Care Programme as a standing item.
- 4.3 The HWB is also required to consider the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. It has been proposed that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Implementation Group takes responsibility for reviewing and assessing recommendations from completed JSNA topics and proposing priorities to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 4.3 The HWB has agreed to consider and approve the work programme at every meeting. In adding items to the work programme, the Board has agreed to specify the information and analysis required in the report, so that report authors are clear as to what is required.
- 4.4 The Health and Wellbeing Board Agenda Planning Group may also propose items for inclusion on the work programme, and will seek approval for their inclusion from the Board.

5. Work programme

- 5.1 The draft work programme (see Appendix 1), includes those items which the Board has identified it needs to consider over the course of next year. The Board has indicated that a review of key priorities is likely to impact on the work programme.
- 5.2 The Board agreed at the meeting on 22 September to consider the Performance Dashboard: Exceptions Reporting at alternate meetings in future.
- 5.3 The following items have been deferred to the March meeting:
 - Mental Health Awareness Strategy
 - Prioritisation of JSNA Topics
- 5.4 The following items have been proposed for the March meeting:
 - Adult Integrated Care Programme – the development of Neighbourhood Community Teams
 - Review of Winter Resilience Planning
- 5.5 The following information items have been proposed for the March meeting:
 - Children and Young People Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy
 - Healthy Towns Initiative
 - Voluntary and Community Sector Update
 - Children and Young People's Partnership Board minutes
- 5.6 The Board is asked to approve the recommendation to alter the frequency of meetings.

6. **Financial implications**

- 6.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

7. **Legal implications**

- 7.1 The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) introduced a new public sector equality duty (the equality duty or the duty). It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

- 7.2 In summary, the Council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- 7.3 The duty continues to be a “have regard duty”, and the weight to be attached to it is a matter for the Mayor, bearing in mind the issues of relevance and proportionality. It is not an absolute requirement to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity or foster good relations.

- 7.4 The Equality and Human Rights Commission has recently issued Technical Guidance on the Public Sector Equality Duty and statutory guidance entitled “Equality Act 2010 Services, Public Functions & Associations Statutory Code of Practice”. The Council must have regard to the statutory code in so far as it relates to the duty and attention is drawn to Chapter 11 which deals particularly with the equality duty. The Technical Guidance also covers what public authorities should do to meet the duty. This includes steps that are legally required, as well as recommended actions. The guidance does not have statutory force but nonetheless regard should be had to it, as failure to do so without compelling reason would be of evidential value. The statutory code and the technical guidance can be found at:
<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/legal-and-policy/equalityact/equality-act-codes-of-practice-and-technical-guidance/>

- 7.5 The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has previously issued five guides for public authorities in England giving advice on the equality duty:
1. The essential guide to the public sector equality duty
 2. Meeting the equality duty in policy and decision-making
 3. Engagement and the equality duty
 4. Equality objectives and the equality duty
 5. Equality information and the equality duty

7.6 The essential guide provides an overview of the equality duty requirements including the general equality duty, the specific duties and who they apply to. It covers what public authorities should do to meet the duty, including steps that are legally required, as well as recommended actions. The other four documents provide more detailed guidance on key areas and advice on good practice. Further information and resources are available at: <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/advice-and-guidance/publicsector-equality-duty/guidance-on-the-equality-duty/>

7.7 Members of the Board are reminded that under Section 195 Health and Social Care Act 2012, health and wellbeing boards are under a duty to encourage integrated working between the persons who arrange for health and social care services in the area.

8. Equalities implications

8.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

9. Crime and disorder implications

9.1 There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

10. Environmental implications

10.1 There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

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