



Health and Wellbeing Board

‘Shaping places for healthier lives’ programme – expression of interest

Date: 12th March 2020

Key decision: No

Class: Part 1

Ward(s) affected: All

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Outline and recommendations

This report summarises an expression of interest made by Lewisham Public Health for the Shaping places for healthier lives programme. This programme aims to support innovation in five local systems over three years through funding and a learning approach to act on the wider determinants of health.

Members of the Board are recommended to:

- Note the contents of the report and expression of interest

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

1. Summary

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2. Recommendations

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3. Policy Context

- 3.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 required the creation of statutory Health and Wellbeing Boards in every upper tier local authority. By assembling key leaders from the local health and care system, the principle purpose of the Health and Wellbeing Boards is to improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities for local residents.
- 3.2. The activity of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is focussed on delivering the strategic vision for Lewisham as established in Lewisham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 3.3. The work of the Board directly contributes to the Council's new Corporate Strategy. Specifically *Priority 5 – Delivering and Defending: Health, Social Care and Support – Ensuring everyone receives the health, mental health, social care and support services they need.*
- 3.4. In July 2018, the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed that the main area of focus for the Board should be tackling health inequalities, with an initial focus on health inequalities for Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities in Lewisham.

4. Background

- 4.1. The Shaping places for healthier lives programme will fund five projects to make sustainable changes to local systems, which are consistent with improved population health, and designed to last beyond the lifetime of the programme.

Learning will be captured to allow these approaches to be applied in other areas and to

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wider health-related issues. The objectives of the programme are to:

- mobilise cross-sector action on the wider determinants of health through sustainable system change at a local level
- support local authorities to facilitate and enable local partnerships for system change on the wider determinants of health
- learn how to make changes that impact on the wider determinants of health so that learning can be shared.

4.2. The application process has several stages, during which applicants will receive support to develop their proposals. Following an expression of interest and submission of a further developed proposal, 12 applicants will be supported with a development grant of up to £20,000 plus expert advice to fully develop their final proposal through system mapping, developing a theory of change and building local partnerships. Grants will be awarded to five selected proposals, up to a total of £300,000 over three years (https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/25.151%20CHIP%20Shaping%20Places_04_1%20WEB.pdf).

5. Lewisham Expression of Interest

5.1. The Lewisham expression of interest for this programme was made to directly link into the existing Health and Wellbeing Board work around addressing BAME health inequalities.

5.2. The expression of interest proposed a project to further explore the role of communities and community level action to address BAME health inequalities. The project was proposed to work on the hypothesis that effectively engaging BAME communities in addressing health inequalities associated with BAME ethnicity will contribute to a reduction in these inequalities.

5.3. There is good evidence available to show that several community-related factors are important in driving health inequalities that include 'how much control people have over resources and decision-making and how much access people have to social resources, including social networks, and communal capabilities and resilience' (UCL Institute of Equity, 2013).

5.4. Evidence for community-centred approaches to address these factors is therefore growing, with some data now available showing return on investment for employing these approaches in local areas. The proposed project will aim to contribute to this evidence base with a focus on using these approaches to specifically address ethnic health inequalities for those who are from a BAME background in a local authority setting.

5.5. The complete expression of interest can be found in the background papers for this report and was submitted to the Local Government Association in January 2020.

6. Financial implications

6.1. Five successful local partnership applications for the programme will be awarded a total of £300,000 of funding over three years.

7. Legal implications

7.1. There are no specific legal implications of this report.

8. Equalities implications

8.1. The expression of interest for the programme specifically works to address health inequalities in BAME communities in Lewisham.

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9. Climate change and environmental implications

9.1. There are no specific climate change or environmental implications of this report.

10. Crime and disorder implications

10.1. There are no specific crime and disorder implications

11. Health and wellbeing implications

11.1. A successful application would support existing work to improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities in BAME communities in Lewisham.

12. Background papers

12.1. Shaping places for healthier lives programme, expression of interest.

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