



## Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Board

### **Report title: Lewisham Health Inequalities update**

**Date:** 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Key decision:** No

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** All

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### **Outline and recommendations**

This report provides an update to the Board on local work to tackle Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Health Inequalities in Lewisham.

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:

- Note the contents of this report
- Note the progress with the Health Inequalities Summit events

## Timeline of engagement and decision-making

### 1. Summary

- 1.1. This report provides an update to the Board on local work to tackle Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Health Inequalities in Lewisham.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:
  - Note the contents of this report
  - Note the progress with the Health Inequalities Summit events

### 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.*

### 4. Lewisham Health Inequalities Summit Events – Progress

- 4.1. At the September 2021 meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board, a series of Lewisham Health Inequalities summit events were agreed to plan the next steps for the Board's work to address health inequalities in Lewisham.
- 4.2. A developmental approach was agreed to support system leader and organisational change through supporting individual development (e.g. developing capability and motivation for action) and organisational development (e.g. improvement approach)

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- 4.3. A three staged approach was proposed:
- i) Developing individual and organisational understanding of health inequalities and inequities and their role and responsibility – October 2021
  - ii) Support collaborative evidence-based action planning and investment with a specific workshop/summit to facilitate this – November 2021
  - iii) Identification of actions – January-March 2021:
    - Organisations develop their own (*and collaborative*) action plans for addressing health inequalities and health equity in Lewisham.
    - Develop a community event to present and discuss plans.
- 4.4. The first two stages of the approach were delivered as part of a first summit event on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 entitled 'Beyond data towards action: Addressing health inequalities and inequity through the Lewisham health and care system. The event report is appended to the paper.
- 4.5. The third stage of the approach will be delivered via two summit events planned for:
- 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Health inequalities action planning session for system leaders (which include building in consideration of the opportunities for action from the Birmingham and Lewisham African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review (BLACHIR)).
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 – Health inequalities community day (where the final Lewisham Health Inequalities and Health Equity Toolkit will be launched).

An update on these events will be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

A full report from the Birmingham and Lewisham African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review (BLACHIR) will also be presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

## 5. Financial implications

- 5.1. There are no significant financial implications of this report and resourcing of the toolkit and summit being developed will come from existing Public Health grants.

## 6. Legal implications

- 6.1. Members of the Board are reminded of their responsibilities to carry out statutory functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Activities of the Board include, but may not be limited to the following:
- To encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social services in the area to work in an integrated manner, for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the area.
  - To provide such advice, assistance or other support as its thinks appropriate for the purpose of encouraging the making of arrangements under Section 75 NHS Act 2006 in connection with the provision of such services.

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- To encourage persons who arrange for the provision of health related services in its area to work closely with the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- To prepare Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (as set out in Section 116 Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007).
- To give opinion to the Council on whether the Council is discharging its duty to have regard to any JSNA and any joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy prepared in the exercise of its functions.
- To exercise any Council function which the Council delegates to the Health and Wellbeing Board, save that it may not exercise the Council's functions under Section 244 NHS Act 2006.

## **7. Equalities implications**

7.1. This report specifically aims to address health inequalities by outlining the progress with health inequalities summit events in Lewisham.

## **8. Climate change and environmental implications**

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

## **9. Crime and disorder implications**

9.1. There are no crime and disorder implications of this report.

## **10. Health and wellbeing implications**

10.1. Improving health outcomes and reducing health inequalities is central to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board. This report directly aligns with these aims by outlining the progress made with health inequalities summit events in Lewisham.

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