

BRIEFING	TO:	Health and Wellbeing Board
	DATE:	21 st October 2020
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	TITLE:	Refresh of Health and Wellbeing Board priorities: progress update

Background

- 1.1** It was agreed that the Health and Wellbeing Board would refresh priorities, taking into consideration the impact of COVID-19 and evidence regarding health inequalities.
- 1.2** A development session was held in September 2020 which was facilitated by the LGA. Prior to this session, there was also a period consultation with Health and Wellbeing Board members and consideration at Health Select Commission regarding the priority refresh. Key aspects of feedback included that:
- COVID-19 has led to new cohorts of people being vulnerable. There is a need to continue to develop our understanding of the impact that the pandemic is having on these groups, as well as the rest of the population.
 - Action needs to be focussed around health inequalities and the wider determinants of health.
 - There should be a targeted focus on a small number of priority areas with an understanding that the system is already under pressure due to the ongoing response to the pandemic.
 - The Marmot principles should underpin the refresh of priorities.
- 1.3** The feedback from the consultation and the development session is being used to inform the development of the plan.

Key Issues

- 2.1** In discussion with board members, it was recommended that the existing aims of the strategy remain relevant and should still be the overarching outcomes that the board is working towards. These are:
- Aim 1: All children get the best start in life and go on to achieve their full potential
 - Aim 2: All Rotherham people enjoy the best possible mental health and wellbeing and have a good quality of life
 - Aim 3: All Rotherham people live well for longer
 - Aim 4: All Rotherham people live in healthy, safe and resilient communities
- 2.2**

<p>2.3</p> <p>2.4</p>	<p>The action plan will therefore be structured around the four aims with the underpinning priorities and milestones refreshed.</p> <p>A number of key issues emerged from consultation with board members and the development session. Some of the issues raised included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy weight for both children and adults, particularly in the context of the link between obesity and an increased risk from COVID-19. • Physical activity and the opportunity to build on positive behavioural change. • The impact of the pandemic on mental health for all groups, including children and young people. • Loneliness and opportunities to support connectedness, including through engagement with culture and the arts. • Support for carers, including a new cohort of people with caring responsibilities. • Disruptions to education and the impact on children and young people. • The economic impact of the pandemic, particularly on widening health inequalities. <p>Consideration of these issues has informed the ongoing development of the action plan.</p>
<p>Key Actions and Relevant Timelines</p>	
<p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p> <p>3.4</p>	<p>Progress is being made to develop the Health and Wellbeing Board action plan. This has included consideration of alignment with other key plans and strategies such as the Integrated Care Partnership Place Plan. The refreshed action plan will be reviewed at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 11th November.</p> <p>It is proposed that the plan runs to June 2021. This will ensure alignment with the Council's Year Ahead Plan as well as the Rotherham Together Partnership Year Ahead Plan. This also addresses feedback in the development session that it would be appropriate to focus on a shorter-term period due to the rapidly changing situation.</p> <p>In terms of format, there will be a brief narrative preceding the plan. This will include reference to the ongoing response to the pandemic and the fact that as a partnership, there is a need to be agile and responsive to emerging needs.</p> <p>To monitor the plan, it is recommended that an update on two of the aims comes to every board meeting.</p>
<p>Implications for Health Inequalities</p>	
<p>4.1</p> <p>4.2</p>	<p>It is proposed that the board takes an iterative approach to monitoring health inequalities in relation to the pandemic and the refresh of priorities. Alongside the plan will be an initial analysis of health inequalities. This will lay the foundation for a more detailed review of the impact of COVID-19 on our local population.</p> <p>It will also become a requirement for all board papers to include analysis of the implications for health inequalities.</p>
<p>Recommendations</p>	
<p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p>	<p>Note the update on progress to refresh the board's priorities.</p> <p>Discuss the key issues and provide any comments on the approach to refreshing priorities.</p>