

Wellbeing Board

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Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- (1) Note the progress against the 2021/22 High Level Deliverables to date.
- (2) Note the progress on 2020/21 High Level Deliverables.
- (3) Identify any areas which the Board wishes to receive a more detailed report on progress or activity.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This paper reports against progress to date against the 2021/22 deliverables and confirms the end of year position for the deliverables for 2020/21.

2. High Level Deliverables for 2021/22

WB01

Aim:

Extension of Thrive-into-Work Programme

Progress:

- Expansion and extension of services completed across the region in July 2021
- Referrals into the Thrive into Work Programme have exceeded expectations at 108% of target
- The largest proportion of referrals are from a Primary or Community Care source in line with the intentions of the Health Led Trial conducted between June 2018 and concluded in October 2020.
- Increase in referrals directly related to introduction of the Thrive into Work offer for those facing homelessness, barriers to work due to a neuro-developmental condition and those at risk of offending
- Job Outcomes met or exceeded targets as of the most recent report (end of August) with Sandwell and Wolverhampton achieving 140% of target.
- For those in danger of falling out of work (retention) Dudley and Walsall achieved 200% of target.
- There is now a Single Point of Access into the service across the regional delivery landscape through the WMCA website.
- Work and Health Unit have placed a bid into the next Comprehensive Spending Review for three years funding, this will be to:
 - o Establish a further 3-5 IPS Pilots across the country
 - o Support further growth of IPS provision in existing sites (Wales, Sheffield and the West Midlands)
- If the bid is successful Expressions of Interest will need to be developed, in line with an anticipated start date of 1st April 2023 and will run until 31st March 2026.
- In order to support the WMCA during this transition period, the Work and Health Unit are intending to extend funding for the West Midlands IPS Programme until 31st March 2023. Financial models have been submitted to assist with this process.

WB02

Aim:

Delivery of Thrive-at-Work Programme

Progress:

- Currently 467 organisations are signed up to Thrive at Work, with 32 accredited at Bronze level and 21 awarded Foundation.
- Awards event (online) is planned for 21st October.

- Conversations with MHPP partners around capturing returns on investment (ROI) as well as potential future investment continue apace, with key decisions due to be taken over the next quarter.
- MHPP showcase event is planned for 20th October at Coventry University, hosting Jonathan Marron, Director General for the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, DHSC.
- Independent expertise is being procured to undertake an impact evaluation exercise of the TaW product, feeding into the wider MHPP ROI narrative.
- External expertise around business development – specifically setting out viable avenues for a future independent iteration of TaW – is also being procured.

WB03

Aim:

Reconvene Mental Health Commission to identify new issues and approaches to Mental Health Awareness, Prevention and support in the region.

Progress:

- A report is being submitted to November's Combined Authority Board to consider and sign off the approach, with a view to initiating the Board soon afterwards;
- Progress is being made in identifying potential Commission co-chairs and members;
- A 'community listening exercise' report, undertaken by BVSC, in partnership with the University of Wolverhampton and Coventry University, has been finalised and provides some useful insights on the pandemic's impact and some useful proposals of topics that the forthcoming Commission should explore. (See separate report).
- Work is underway to build links with other CA taskforces and Commissions (e.g. the Racial Equalities Taskforce), so that their work is mutually supportive.

WB04

Aim:

Develop and sustain a Physical Activity Programme with regional partners.

Progress:

- Worked with DCMS and Sport England to develop the £3m Commonwealth Active Communities Physical Activity Prospectus that Local Authorities have submitted,
- Working with TfWM on the development of the Cycling for Everyone legacy bid to Dept. For Transport
- As part of the WMCA's partnership with Sport England, we are jointly funding leadership, community engagement and evaluation and impact expertise to each of the Commonwealth Active Communities over the next 12 months to help delivery of legacy plans.
- Working with TfWM on the role the Local Transport Plan has in addressing health inequalities.

- WMCA selected by DfT to bid to be one of its twelve social prescribing walking and cycling pilots. Working with Local Authorities and NHS to bid by 22 October 2021.
- Nearly 100 patients have been prescribed walking and cycling through the WM work in Birmingham and the Black Country which is influencing the bid and was launched by the WM Mayor on 24 September 2021.
- Willenhall Park project has been re-opened and significant progress in Sandwell and Coventry in re-purposing green spaces as active spaces, scheduled to be opened later in the year.
- Over 270 runners/walkers have delivered 2579 good deeds through Goodgym Coventry, Solihull and Warwick/Leamington Spa.

WB05

Aim:

Making WM an exemplar region for getting more disabled people active.

Progress:

- Programme Reivew completed, see separate Wellbeing Board Report.

WB06

Aim:

Develop WM Health Intelligence & Data Programme.

Progress:

- The Health of the Region (HOTR) report 2021 is due to be published before the end of the year; its quantitative and qualitative data are currently being collated and updated to this end.
- Specific combinations of datasets are being explored in order to demonstrate the cumulative impact of multiple disadvantages (or structural inequalities) across the WMCA area.
- Plans around the publication of HOTR 2021 (as an online update) have progressed to include interactive data visualisations and mapping of HOTR commitments.
- HOTR (core member) roundtable, with updates on commitments, due to be held in mid-November.

WB07

Aim:

Develop collaborative programmes to tackle system-level Health Inequalities issues and embed HIAP approach in WMCA

Progress:

- Projects resulting from our collaborative design sprints (on community-based decision-making piloted in a local ICS, digital inclusion towards greater health sector connectivity and accessibility improvements in housing for disabled citizens) are each progressing well, with collaborative working groups set up and now focused on establishing delivery plans.

- PHE resource has been secured to help develop and embed the Health Equity Assessment Tool (HEAT) across TfWM; training session for TfWM staff due to take place before the end of October.
- Working with UHB and O2 to conduct feasibility study on moving more diagnostics into remote centres, allowing patients to access care closer to home and reducing pressures on hospitals.

WB08

Aim:

Secure and implement the Radical Health Prevention Fund.

Progress:

- Regular meetings with DHSC setup to finalise proposal
- Drafted MoU with Solihul MBC to act as responsible local authority for the funds, should it be successful
- Will not make it into Comprehensive Spending Review but DHSC team have encouraged to consider proposal for next year's Budget
- Will continue to work with DHSC officials to ensure proposal is to their liking

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The WMCA budget agreed in February has been built around these High Level Deliverables. There are no other direct spend or budgetary implications as a result of the recommendations within this report. There is underspend in the budget due to being unable to fill vacancies.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 It is a statutory requirement that the Combined Authority has an assurance framework in place. The assurance framework approved by the WMCA Board on 24 July 2020 stipulates the requirement of the Wellbeing Board to approve and monitor the deliverables of the portfolio.

5. Equalities Implications to update

- 5.1 This is a progress update – there are no immediate equality implications in relation to this report.

6. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 6.1 The Wellbeing programme is aligned to the Health & Wellbeing fundamental of the Inclusive Growth Framework. WB07 and its focus on reducing health inequality have been embedded as the headline outcome of that framework. Furthermore, the extension of Thrive Into Work in particular has strengthened one of the key inclusive growth policy mechanisms of the region by connecting it to other fundamentals of the framework – notably 'Affordable and Safe Places' – where the key outcome is designing out homelessness.

7. Geographical Area of Report's Implications

7.1 The work of the Wellbeing Board applies to relevant activity across both Constituent and Non-constituent areas.

8. Other Implications

8.1 None.

9. Schedule of Background Papers

9.1 None.

10. Appendices

10.1 None.