

Wellbeing Board

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Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- (1) Note the progress against the 2021/22 High Level Deliverables to date.
- (2) 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.

2. High Level Deliverables for 2021/22

WB01
Aim: Extension of Thrive-into-Work Programme
Progress: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The 22/23 MOU has now been developed and Anita has submitted this to the WHU legal team. - January 2022 KPI report has been produced with referrals having increased by 174% and programmes starts have increased by 156%. Our new contract in Birmingham and Solihull is now gaining momentum with

engagements having increased by 260% meaning they are now 140% of target. Job Starts in the Black Country have hit 114% of target.

- The team are now pursuing two new developments within the Black Country and BSOL ICS to develop a Fit Note Pathway/Clinic for Employment support and to sustain, grow and expand employment checks and offers through the Annual LTC Health Check. Planning sessions to kickstart these projects took place this week.
- The Thrive into Work team are hosting a visit from members of the Work and Health Team to discuss their IPS expansion plans leading to 2025 and to explore the teams ideas on future sustainability and creation of new pilot sites across the country.
- March will also see a visit from Rt. Hon. Chloe Smith, Minister for Disabled People which will be hosted in Wolverhampton.
- Discussions are taking place with Mark Axcel, Interim Chief Executive Designate, Black Country Integrated Care Board and Chair of the pending IPS Coalition to agree Terms of Reference and Membership. The first meeting is scheduled to take place in April 2022.

WB02

Aim:

Delivery of Thrive-at-Work Programme

Progress:

- See attached paper

WB03

Aim:

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

Progress:

- An induction session for the Commission is planned for 7th April to agree Commission ways of working and to identify the first 2 topics for the Commission to initially explore.
- The Centre for Mental Health has been commissioned to provide evidence support to ensure that there is clarity on what current evidence currently exists in respect of each topic area being explored. This will support a clear focus on key lines of enquiry that can help the Commission to 'add value', building on existing local work.
- Work continues to finalise Commission membership. There has been open recruitment for 'lay members', with interviews and group assessments due to be completed by 1st March.
- Further progress has been made to confirm arrangements for the Young Person's Panel (a sub-group of the Young Combined Authority), for the



Citizens' Panel (tapping into the one being set up by the WMCA Environment Team) and utilising the existing Include Me Panel (made up of disabled people, of people with long term health conditions and of carers).

- The Mental Health Star Awards, linked to the Commission, will take place on 23rd March. There are awards young people (16-24), people aged over 25, for teams / services / organisations, for collaboration and for innovation in working with young people. There has been a good number and spread of nominations from across the region.
- There is communications activity planned to highlight the forthcoming commission, to highlight key messages arising from the previous 'community listening' exercise which sought to inform the focus of Commission work.

WB04

Aim:

Develop and sustain a Physical Activity Programme with regional partners

Progress:

- **Commonwealth Games Physical Activity Legacy:** with local Commonwealth Active Communities finalising their plans to start delivery in the spring 2022, WMCA and Sport England continue to provide ongoing evaluation, citizen engagement and joint leadership support to 3 out of the 4 areas, not the Black Country. Also, with DCMS and OHID, Birmingham CC, WMCA and Sport England as core partners of the legacy work, planning on how we work with local areas to ensure that there is a long-lasting legacy in reducing inequalities in those who are active beyond the initial 2-year Sport England funding.
- **Sport England and WMCA partnership** following the end of the existing Sport England grant agreement and Sport England's new "Uniting the Movement" strategy implementation plan initial discussions have been held on shaping those areas of mutual interest in relation to the WMCA Wellbeing Strategic Priorities. It is proposed a report on our future partnership with Sport England is discussed at the next Wellbeing Board meeting.
- **DfT (Department for Transport) Social Prescribing walking and cycling pilot bid** The Strategic lead for Wellbeing and Prevention is leading the development of a feasibility study with the 7 Local Authorities, 3 ICS (Integrated Care Systems)', NHS and community partners which will provide the research, governance, aims and objectives, deliverables, and budget to become one of Government's social prescribing pilots. This feasibility study needs to be submitted to Government by 30 April 2022 with the outcome known in May and a potential £1.5m-£2m 3-year revenue programme. If successful, a paper will be brought to the next meeting outlining purpose, impact and governance.
- **Public Space Design Trial** – with Willenhall Park in Walsall now open, this trial was due for completion and lessons shared with partners. Covid has impacted on delivery in Sandwell and Coventry and an extension has been granted by the WMCA and Sport England for the delivery of these projects.
- **Goodgym** – the delivery in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire CC funded by the WMCA and Local Authorities continues to grow and adapt responsive

of local need e.g., less prescription runs to more help to communities to clear, paint and improve centres. Given the Local Authority and WMCA funding is nearing the end, the WMCA has agreed with the local authorities to transfer management support to Think Active, the active partnerships for the 3-area geography who will be responsible for connecting Goodgym to local opportunities and reporting on outputs and outcomes. This has no risk to the WMCA or Local Authorities.

WB05

Aim:

Making WM an exemplar region for getting more disabled people active

Progress:

- **Include Me Citizens Network and Panel** - Progressing well with extensive consultation on the WM Mental Health Commission, Accessible Housing and Social Prescribing alongside determining its own priority areas. This has had led to a positive shift in the development of work areas. Work is ongoing to continue its purpose and development in 2022/23. It is proposed that the Citizens Network and Panel provide their vision and purpose at the next Wellbeing Board meeting.
- With 92 organisations signed up to the **Include Me WM Pledge** we are reviewing the qualitative impact this commitment to being more inclusive, accessible, and disabled customer focused has had and plan its place as part of the ongoing exemplar region discussions below.
- **Travel without Barriers pilot** to test whether digital prompts linked to SWIFT can improve disabled people's confidence in using public transport to get to places to be active. The pilot will be launched on 18 March 2022 in Wolverhampton and tested in Wolverhampton and Coventry with the learning applied across the WM for which we intend to report to the next Wellbeing Board.
- **Exemplar Region in getting more disabled people active** – the WMCA is extending the Activity Alliance contract for the services of Mark Fosbrook and to shift focus from programmes to working with committed partners and citizens to develop the regional voice for this work setting out a shared 2022/23 ambition, priorities, and commitments by 30 June 2022.
- **Accessible Housing Design** –progress is subject to agreement with WMCA Housing and Regeneration Directorate on stakeholder engagement and potential policy opportunities and implications scheduled for March 2022.

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WB06

Aim:

Develop WM Health Intelligence & Data Programme

Progress:

- Progress continues in developing our Health of the Region data hub (as presented to the last Wellbeing Board meeting in January 2022).

- We have moved on from a ‘proof of concept’ and are now developing a ‘minimum viable product’, which is an online version of the HOTR 2020 report with all indicators available and up to date.
- This is set out in the final section of our ‘Revisiting the HOTR’ report, a draft of which is being submitted to the Wellbeing Board for comments and potential approval at this meeting (8th March).
- Once the report is finalised and launched, we will develop the HOTR data hub to include indicators that reflect the wider determinants of health as they relate to the WMCA’s devolved responsibilities.
- We will continue to work with stakeholders to develop the product further, ensuring maximum utility.

WB07

Aim:

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

Progress:

- Having secured approval for our approach at the last Wellbeing Board meeting (January 2022), we are now developing a resource that links specific public health indicators to devolved responsibilities across the WMCA.
- Some of the early thinking and learning here is reflected in the WMCA case study section of the ‘Revisiting the HOTR’ report, presented to the Wellbeing Board today (8th March).
- Progress continues on specific implementation projects – piloting HEAT with TfWM and exploring potential joined-up development of WMCA’s current equalities impact processes.

WB08

Aim:

Secure and implement the Radical Health Prevention Fund

Progress:

- Regular meetings with DHSC continuing
- Preparing for proposal to be considered at HMG Budget in March 2023
- Also, exploring other avenues with DHSC to fund various aspects of RHPF, through the Smart City Region and/or through Remote Diagnostics work being undertaken in conjunction with ICS’s.

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 because 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 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 Linked papers at today’s Board meeting, Item 3a Update on Mental Health Commission and Item 3b Update on Thrive into Work.

10. Appendices

- 10.1 None.