

Report of the Strategic Director of Health & Wellbeing of Bradford Metropolitan District Council to the meeting of The Health and Wellbeing Board to be held on 8 November 2022 at 10am

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Subject:

Update on Locality Working, Early Help and Prevention

Summary statement:

This will provide partners with an opportunity to see how the early help and prevention agenda is developing in our localities, with all key partners now inputting resources to work together across six local footprints, including Craven. A Powerpoint presentation accompanies this short covering report with more detail.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

Our aspiration to work on early help and prevention in our localities is directly linked to the Partnership's health inequalities ambitions and is an additional component of the way our staff groups work together locally across organisations. This is a key component of realising our equality objectives, combat disadvantage and increase the life chances of all protected groups. Good practice work has been developed with local communities, particularly in Keighley where teams have been piloting this approach for two years, empowering people and a commitment to openness, transparency and involvement, to address health inequalities in keeping with the objectives set out statute.

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Health Overview and Scrutiny

1. SUMMARY

- Working in locality footprints (which equate to local MP constituencies and are approximately 90,000 - 110,000 population in size) provides an opportunity for public sector, voluntary and community organisations to work in partnership on behalf of people to improve people health and wellbeing.
- The organisations within the partnership are now working towards dedicated resources in each locality to join up our thinking, collaboration around people and families who need support and design projects and services to tackle local issues.

2. BACKGROUND

- A number of key objectives are proposed for the Wellbeing Board's consideration:
 - Act early to prevent need down the line
 - Promote people's health, wellbeing and safety
 - Delegate more funding and resources locally, developing more local offers in the VCS
 - Share intelligence and information
 - Co-ordinate our efforts – greater than sum of our parts
 - Engage communities in this endeavour
 - Keep people healthy, happy and at home
- Additional partnership resources are being injected, namely:
 - West Yorkshire Police – 10 additional police officers working in localities
 - Public Health – 4 Community Health Development Workers
 - Act as One – 5 Locality Development Roles working into community partnerships
 - Reducing Inequalities Alliance – 5 Community Implementers
 - Bradford Council's existing area co-ordination and neighbourhood teams
 - Bradford Council's existing team managers from adults and children's services
 - BDCT's existing clinical managers from community nursing services
 - Introduction of Family Hubs
 - Local voluntary and community sector leads
- The intention of partners is to build up locality leadership teams across the partnership to discuss cases formally and informally, examine the latest health inequalities and JSNA data and agree investment in projects and grants to improve against baseline data – and to design new ways of working across organisations to reduce complex cross-referral mechanisms and speed up access to advice. In the coming three months we intend to:
 - Complete recruitment to newly funded roles
 - Introduce locality colleagues to each other
 - Formalise all-age panels and processes everywhere
 - Identify local office-bases where we can collaborate
 - Map our community assets and publish these
 - Agree investment of the new Community Investment Standard

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

None have been identified.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- Financial issues have been dealt with in individual partner organisations and there are no considerations for Wellbeing Board.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

There are no significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed recommendations.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

There are no legal issues arising from this update.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- This approach supports the district's commitment to work towards the sustainable development goals.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

- No impacts.

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- It is anticipated that locality working will have positive community safety implications for individuals who are supported across the partnership – and from overall safety themes highlighted by partners for local action.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

- No impacts.

7.5 TRADE UNION

- No impacts.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

- Locality working will operate alongside existing council area and neighbourhood co-ordination staff, who can ensure two-way communications with ward officers.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

- Locality working will operate alongside existing council area and neighbourhood co-ordination staff, who can ensure two-way communications with Area Committees and ensure details of the contribution to priorities within the Area Committee's Action Plan are joined up.

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

It is anticipated that locality working will have a positive impact on corporate parenting, with the ability of Children's Services or other council staff and members able to refer children looked after for locality support, if appropriate.

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Risks around information governance have been flagged as requiring support and further work from partners and until information governance processes are finalised, there is a limitation on what data can be shared about individuals without their consent.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

- None.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

The views of the Wellbeing Board are requested.

11. APPENDICES

Powerpoint presentation on locality working.