

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD



TO:	Health and Wellbeing Board
FROM:	Cath Taylor, Consultant in Public Health
DATE:	5 th December 2023

SUBJECT: Life-course updates to the Health and Wellbeing Board, including Live Well priorities

1. PURPOSE

To provide an update on work to map the key strategic and supporting groups which have responsibility for delivery of Live Well priorities and actions within the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

To propose a revised future schedule of life-course updates to the Health and Wellbeing Board, incorporating updates on the Live Well priorities.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- a. Note the results of the Live Well mapping exercise to date and identified gaps, issues and opportunities.
- b. Approve the implementation of the proposed future schedule of life-course updates to the Board.

3. BACKGROUND

Following the development and publication of the Blackburn with Darwen Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy in June 2023, focus has now moved to implementation of the strategy priorities and their associated actions via a series of life-course work programme areas (Figure 1).

In September 2023, the Health and Wellbeing Board received a presentation providing an update on progress made by each of the life-course boards in delivery of the strategy. The following activity was noted:

- **Start Well:** The Children's Partnership Board (CPB) have overall responsibility for delivery of the *Best Start in Life* priority within the strategy. A number of workshops have been held by the CPB and a draft Start Well Action Plan has been developed to ensure all aspects of the strategy are covered. An annual Start Well update is delivered to the Health and Wellbeing Board by the Director of Children's Services to ensure accountability for delivery of this part of the strategy.
- **Live Well:** Work has been completed to map activity within this area of the strategy and suggest the most appropriate governance arrangements. This is linked in with wider work in relation to the place-based board governance, and an update on both areas is tabled at the Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2023.
- **Age Well:** The Age Well Partnership (AWP) has overall responsibility for delivery of the *Positive ageing in independence in later life* priority within the strategy. The AWP have

developed an Age Well Action Plan which covers all aspect of this priority area and an annual Age Well update is delivered to the Health and Wellbeing Board by the Deputy Director for Adults Social Care/Chair of the AWP, to ensure accountability for delivery of this part of the strategy.

- **Dying Well:** Healthwatch End of Life insight work has been undertaken to understand what matters to people. A self-assessment for ‘Getting to Outstanding’ in end-of-life care is also underway and an improvement plan to be presented to Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2024.

Figure 1: Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy on a page

Section 3: Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy on a Page					
Blackburn with Darwen Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023 - 2028					
Our Vision <i>Working together to create a healthier, safer and fairer Blackburn with Darwen where everyone benefits from sustained improvements in health and wellbeing</i>					
Our Principles					
Action on the wider determinants of health	Ensuring health equity	Communities driving change	Intelligence and evidence based decision making	Coordination at place and service integration	
Our Priorities					
Best start in life	Healthy, homes, places and communities	Mental and physical health and wellbeing	Good quality work and maximising income	Positive ageing and independence in later life	Dying well
How we will deliver our priorities					
Start Well Start Well annual action plan	Live Well Live Well annual action plan		Age Well Age Well annual action plan	Dying well Dying Well annual action plan	
Pennine Heathy Equity Alliance					
Blackburn with Darwen Place Based Partnership					
Primary Care Neighbourhoods					
Monitoring					

Health Matters: Health and Work - [Health matters: health and work - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/health-matters/health-and-work)

Health Foundation; What good quality work mean for our health - [What does the changing labour market mean for health](https://www.healthfoundation.org.uk/what-good-quality-work-mean-for-our-health)

Suicide prevention strategy 2023-28 - [Suicide prevention strategy for England: 2023 to 2028 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/suicide-prevention-strategy-for-england-2023-to-2028)

Levelling Up White Paper - [Levelling Up the United Kingdom - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/levelling-up-white-paper)

4. RATIONALE

In order to ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board is delivering the vision and priorities set out within its Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, there is a need for clear reporting arrangements between the Board and any key strategic groups.

Whilst there is a clear process for reporting arrangements and accountability between the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Children’s Partnership Board (Start Well) and Age Well Partnership (Age Well), the arrangements for Live Well are complex and require further consideration by the Health and Wellbeing Board in line with the recommendations of this report. Proposed reporting and progress update arrangements for Dying Well are also in development at the Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB level.

5. KEY ISSUES

The Live Well aspects of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy encompass a broad span of areas and cover three separate priorities as follows, each with a range of actions underneath:

- Priority 2: Healthy homes, places and communities
- Priority 3: Mental and physical health and wellbeing
- Priority 4: Good quality work and maximising income

There is a large span of groups across the Council and broader partners which are delivering activity aligned to the priority areas within the Strategy. A mechanism is therefore required to provide the Board with an overview of this activity and key highlight reports from key strategic groups against the strategy priorities.

Work has been underway to map these groups and suggest the most appropriate governance arrangements moving forwards. For each of the three priorities, this has involved identifying any key strategic groups and other supporting groups or services involved with the delivery of each of the actions. Gaps in delivery against actions were highlighted along with any other relevant issues, risks and opportunities.

A presentation will be given at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 5th December which provides the detailed results from the Live Well priorities mapping exercise. Key findings can be summarised as follows:

- The majority of actions across the three Live Well priority areas have an existing strategic group which can provide assurance to Health and Wellbeing Board that the strategy actions are being delivered.
- It is therefore proposed that these key strategic groups are asked to provide a short highlight report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on an annual basis in line with the following schedule. Two Live Well updates will be provided per year which recognises the breath of the Live Well agenda.
 1. Start Well
 2. Live Well – Wider Determinants of Health (Priority 2 and 4)
 3. Live Well – Mental and Physical Health (Priority 3)
 4. Age Well (and Dying Well)
- A number of areas were identified where there were governance arrangements and work progressing for delivery against specific actions. These included:
 - Ensuring that new housing developments and planning policies had consideration for health and wellbeing. However, governance arrangements were in place for this via the local plan process which contains a range of policies to create health promoting environments.
 - Some aspects of good quality work and maximising income including health and wellbeing support for those in work, and work with large scale organisations to improve wellbeing of the population. A number of groups are in development which could support this area of work (see below).
- In addition, there are a number of further issues, risks and opportunities identified as follows:
 - A review of strategic housing within the Council is currently underway, which will provide a future opportunity to strengthen the links between the Health and Wellbeing Board and housing functions within the Council.

- Lancashire Road Safety Partnership is undergoing significant change in scope and membership, and further work is required to understand the implications of these changes.
- The Blackburn with Darwen Vulnerable Person's Board is currently under review.
- The Levelling Up Partnership is currently in development. This is a capital based programme, which involves the local authority working with Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on a stakeholder analysis and further national support.
- Lancashire 2050 Economic Inactivity group has undertaken research and published its findings relating to the impact of economic inactivity and good quality work upon health and wellbeing. The group is now working with the Lancashire & South Cumbria ICB on the development of an expression of interest in respect of national funding for Working Well Partnerships.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Live Well priorities map across to the Blackburn with Darwen Corporate Plan missions where:

We want every single resident, no matter who they are, to have a good quality of life.

To help us achieve this, we will make progress on four core missions.

1. A more prosperous borough where no one is left behind
2. Every child and young person to have opportunities to fulfil their potential
3. Deliver our climate emergency action plan
4. Build happier, healthier and safer communities

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities are delivered within existing financial commitments.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

It is a statutory requirement under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 that each upper tier local authority establishes a Health and Wellbeing Board as one of their formal committees. The HWB have a statutory duty to produce certain assessments and plans – including the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy. They are also responsible for setting strategic direction to improve health and wellbeing in their area and installing mechanisms for joint working and improving the health and wellbeing of their local population. The work and proposals outlined in this report should assist the BwD Health and Wellbeing Board in fulfilling their statutory responsibilities.

9. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

A planning and governance officer post in Public Health will support the reporting and monitoring of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-28.

10. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

An Initial Equality Impact assessment has been completed. A full EIA is not required.

11. CONSULTATIONS

This mapping work has been undertaken by the Public Health Team and Blackburn with Darwen Place-Based ICB colleagues. The work has been informed through consultation with a range of teams across Blackburn with Darwen Council, including the Adults & Health and Growth & Development departments.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	None
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