

Appendix 3 - Creating a City without Inequality (CCwl) Forum Highlight Report

1.1 Context

- 1.1.1 The Creating a City without Inequality Forum's aim is for all citizens of Birmingham to live a healthy and fulfilling life by ensuring equality of opportunity and by improving the health and wellbeing of those most at risk of experiencing health inequalities.
- 1.1.2 The CCwl forum will develop a strategic commitment and a whole system approach across Birmingham to tackle the drivers of health inequalities, focusing on prevention and early intervention.
- 1.1.3 The forum will take a thematic approach to explore specific inequalities in detail and develop a robust action plan that will underpin delivery of the inequalities priorities agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

1.2 Current Circumstance

- 1.2.1 The work of the CCwl Forum was initiated at the wider stakeholder group workshop in September 2019 during which the drivers of the inequalities described by the 9 HWBB indicators (selected and agreed by the Board in summer 2019) were explored to define key areas of focus for action planning.
- 1.2.2 The initial meeting of the CCwl forum was held in October and chaired by Councillor John Cotton. The Terms of Reference and membership were agreed (Appendix 3A), and It was decided a shared narrative was required identifying the forum's vision, objectives and work. A draft narrative and an approach to action planning have been developed and shared with the group (Appendix 3B).
- 1.2.3 Following the CCwl workshop in October key themes were identified which the group were asked to support as principles underpinning the forum's strategic plan:
 - Prevention and upstream action
 - Equity
 - Integration, coordination and connectivity across the whole system of services and support
 - Co-production and value of lived experience
 - Self-help and education
 - Evidence-based approach
 - Focus on outcomes, not just outputs
 - Targeted approach
 - Place-based (neighbourhood level) action; and
 - Understanding the opportunities and challenges of diversity and different cultures.

The second Forum meeting held in December focussed on action planning against 7 of the HWBB impact indicators:

- gap in employment for mental health and learning disability
- economic inactivity for health reasons

- gap in school readiness for those with free school meal status
- healthy life expectancy
- recorded prevalence of diabetes and coronary heart disease
- depression (gap between recorded and modelled prevalence), and
- smoking in pregnancy.

The action planning booklet (appendix 2) was presented to forum members for their views, who were asked to take away and discuss in detail with their organisations. Forum members were asked to identify actions they could deliver to the Forum's vision and address the key drivers of health inequalities relating to the impact indicators selected by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The deadline for return of completed booklets is 17th January, responses will be collated and used to develop into a full action plan.

1.3 Next Steps and Delivery

- 1.3.1 Continue to discuss and explore the drivers of health inequalities described by the 7 HWBB indicators and identify upstream action to tackle those.
- 1.3.2 Continue to link with other relevant boards and groups (Homelessness Partnership Board, Financial Inclusion Partnership, Food Poverty Group, etc) to promote and harness their activity to tackle the drivers of health inequalities in the city.
- 1.3.3 Consolidate a robust action plan based on the Forum's feedback and evidence available.
- 1.3.4 Organise a wider stakeholder group workshop to refine the draft action plan and to focus on poverty as one of key drivers of health inequalities.

Appendices

Appendix 3A – CCwl ToR

Appendix 3B – CCwl narrative and action plan