

	<u>Agenda Item: 9</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	22 March 2016
TITLE:	Health and Wellbeing Board Operations Group update
Organisation	Health and Wellbeing Board Operations Group
Presenting Officer	Alan Lotinga, Service Director Health and Wellbeing

Report Type:	Briefing and Endorsement
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1. Purpose:
To obtain Board endorsement for Operations Group work as set out in the report.

2. Implications:		
BHWP Strategy Priorities	Child Health	Y
	Vulnerable People	Y
	Systems Resilience	Y
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		Y
Joint Commissioning and Service Integration		Y
Maximising transfer of Public Health functions		
Financial		
Patient and Public Involvement		
Early Intervention		Y
Prevention		Y

3. Recommendation
To endorse the work set out in the report.

4. Background

The Health and Wellbeing Board Operations Group has met twice since the last Board meeting on 26 January. Even with support staffing changes, it has strengthened its membership with new senior representatives from West Midlands Fire Service, BVSC and the Council's Economy Directorate. Mirroring Health and Wellbeing Board membership, Birmingham Cross City CCG's representative to the Group will be taking on the role of Vice Chair of the Group.

4.1 Strategy Development

At the January Health and Wellbeing Board meeting, members agreed three broad themes or work areas for the developing draft strategy:

- Maximising the independence of adults
- Improving outcomes for children and families.
- Integrated/coordinated services that are resilient and sustainable – that is essential 'Enablers' for the Board to focus on collectively to improve the scale, effectiveness and coordination of system working such as improving the sharing of information and multi-disciplinary approaches

Mapping of partners' current and planned projects and ongoing work which contributes to these themes is underway and findings will be considered at the April Operations Group meeting. The Group will then find where work can be aligned along with gaps in activity and work across organisations to limit these as far as possible.

4.2 West Midlands Fire Service

As part of mapping work, West Midlands Fire Service (WMFS) set out their health and resilience offer at the March Operations Group meeting. This made clear their key role in the areas of prevention and risk reduction targeting vulnerable communities shown to be highest risk of deprivation and ill-health. Work is clearly aligned with a range of current and developing Board priorities as well as those of individual member organisations.

WMFS Leads highlighted their unique access to more than 27,000 homes each year through their new 'Safe and Well' visits and the impact that these have had already. Pilot work is underway around fall response, hospital discharge and extending 'Safe and Well' visits to all those in receipt of an Adult Care package.

Clinical Commissioning Group Leads, the CSP's Domestic Violence Lead and the City Council's Wellbeing Service identified several potential new links from the work WMFS representatives outlined including:

- Support for better working relationships with primary care;
- Making the most of WMFS' Vulnerable Persons Officers (VPOs)
- Road casualty reduction and
- Youth Projects which target individuals who are disengaged from schools and other youth activities. .

The Operations Group will report on these to the next Health and Wellbeing Board meeting as part of a wider discussion item on future opportunities for Board work with WMFS and potentially West Midlands Police.

4.3 Domestic Violence

Paula Harding of Birmingham Community Safety Partnership presented to the March Operations Group meeting on progress with the CSP's review of the Domestic Violence Strategy. She highlighted a number of challenges and opportunities including:

- Governance
- Understanding new legislation on coercive control and
- The inclusion of references to domestic violence within Section 11 safeguarding audit tools.

As the final version of work will not be ready for wider consideration until April, it is proposed that the Board considers a CSP report on member and other stakeholder commitments to preventing and reducing domestic violence at its first meeting in the new municipal year in order to agree next steps for action.

4.4 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Several members of the Operations Group along with Board members and related stakeholders attended Public Health England's West Midlands' event on Routine Enquiry into Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) on 22nd February. This was in response to previous Health and Wellbeing Board brief discussion on the impact of ACEs on individuals as trauma and their associated health and wellbeing.

Evidence shared on how knowledge of patient/service user ACE levels can identify and address the root causes of symptoms or presenting problems through appropriate support, particularly for those with most complex or persistent needs, was compelling. Nevertheless, despite ACEs, such as experiencing domestic violence, being regrettably common and frequently co-occurring, awareness of their health impact across the life course on individuals and families is low and the use of Routine Enquiry to explore them with service users is still an emerging area of work.

As a result, the Operations Group will coordinate a Board development session, including other stakeholders, to open up coordinated local discussion on how members and partners can:

- Embed learning on Routine Enquiry on ACEs into current working practices in the context of Making Every Contact Matter
- Overcome associated challenges and
- Make the most of opportunities for earlier intervention.

Essential components already identified include:

- Increasing ACE awareness across the culture of the (paid and voluntary)

- workforce of areas represented by Health and Wellbeing Board members
- Considering ACEs in future commissioning and decommissioning
- Ensuring the refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy is ACE-informed and reflects these areas.

4.5 Further Board Development Sessions

One final Board Development Session is planned for this municipal year on how members can support Active Citizenship in the city. This will take place during May at two Birmingham Wellbeing Service sites. The session will also enable Board members to contribute to the development of a new Active Citizenship strategy for Birmingham.

While the health benefits of physical activity are widely known and supported, increasing work is being undertaken to demonstrate the benefits of physical activity to mental health and wellbeing. In addition, as part of the new Department of Media, Culture and Sport (DCMS) strategy Sporting Futures: an active nation there is an increasing focus on the benefits of physical activity to communities as 'social glue' or local cohesion.

Within Birmingham there are a number of initiatives aimed at increasing the numbers of people physically active. Physical inactivity is not evenly spread across communities. In more disadvantaged communities there is more likelihood of inactivity due to the number of barriers individuals face when engaging.

Sessions identified for the new municipal year include:

- Board work with young people and
- Opportunities for prevention from work with West Midlands Fire Service

4.6 Working Locally

Since the Operations Group report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 'Working Locally, Yardley and Erdington City Council Districts have been agreed as 'Future Council' area pilots of the Council's 10 Districts for collaborative community planning.

Recognising additional Cross City CCG commitment to support health and wellbeing planning in Yardley and Erdington, these are the first Districts agreed to meet with the Operations Group in a rolling programme of meetings to see how area-based and city-wider perspectives can connect in a meaningful way. Sessions will focus on District links to the developing Board strategy and enable Districts to explore with partners informally opportunities and barriers in contributing to the delivery of outcomes.

Meeting findings and actions will be reported to the Board via Operations Group updates. They will also provide a structure for the Board to obtain further information if required or share information with Districts.

5. Compliance Issues
5.1 Strategy Implications
The strategy is at the early stages of being updated to provide the evidence-based foundation for the Board's future work programme. In the meantime Operations Group work is endeavouring to span current and developing Board priorities
5.2 Governance & Delivery
Operations Group progress will be reported to the Health & Wellbeing Board regularly and partner Boards/Working Groups as appropriate.
5.3 Management Responsibility
Board: Adrian Phillips Day-to-day: Alan Lotinga and Jenny Drew.

6. Risk Analysis			
Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
Board & Operations Group not fully engaged in work areas identified	#	Significant	Changes to Operations Group membership & structure Continuing attention to member engagement

Appendices
N/A

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