

REPORT TITLE	Liverpool City Region Wealth and Wellbeing Programme.
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REPORT SUMMARY

- 1.1 Liverpool City Region is developing a Wealth and Wellbeing Programme through the Combined Authority and with the support of Public Health England.
- 1.2 The focus of the work is on addressing the health reasons behind worklessness, rapid movement into and out of work and how the health and care sector can link with inclusive economic growth.
- 1.3 The Wealth and Wellbeing programme is in a unique position to bridge the gap between the health and economic agendas. It will focus on building bridges across the health and employment/skills agendas, linking portfolios in boroughs, translating relevant policy across the portfolios and developing a compelling narrative to drive change.
- 1.4 It is essential that the LCR programme fits closely with work in each of the boroughs on work and health. The purpose of the presentation is to set out the scope of the LCR programme, align it with work in Wirral and to ask the Health and Wellbeing Board to identify further opportunities to work together on this agenda with the Combined Authority.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:-

- (a) comment on and note the report and
- (b) identify further opportunities to work together on this wealth and wellbeing programme with the Combined Authority.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A presentation at the meeting by the PHE Head of Programme will take the Board through the scope and approach that the Wealth and Wellbeing programme is taking to coordinate activity across the Liverpool City Region.

The rationale for the programme is driven by the recognition that meaningful work or other activity is one of the most important determinants of health. Equally, a healthy workforce is essential to productivity and hence to growing the economy and attracting more and better jobs to the region.

Ensuring more individuals are able to work or engage in meaningful voluntary activity benefits both them as an individual, employers and the economy and society as a whole. Good work is known to be a factor in maintaining health and wellbeing. A healthy workforce is beneficial to employers too. By creating a positive, safe and healthy environment for employees, companies can increase morale, improve employees' work-life balance and, in turn, positively impact the business. Healthy workers are more motivated to stay in work, recover from sickness quicker and are at lower risk of long-term illness. Organisations stand to make substantial cost savings by promoting health in the workplace and reducing sickness absence.

There is a spectrum of need from intervening early in sickness absence to prevent people from moving into longer term absence through to supporting those most distant from the labour market to enter or return to work. The Wealth and Wellbeing programme will connect different programmes that are seeking similar goals in this area, build on existing and develop new interventions across this spectrum that can be put in place in the LCR area and will support the LCR Local Industrial Strategy. It will also complement the developing NHS Population Health Plan as it deals with risks to health and related services.

Themes - The work is focussed on:

- Workless population; how to bring this population closer to the employment market by addressing health issues.
- People in work but at risk of losing work through ill health; early intervention services particularly mental health support.
- Health At Work; the provision of programmes such as health checks in the workplace and also aspects of what is good, health enhancing, work.
- Economic footprint of the health and social care sector and how this can be developed to better support local inclusive economic growth.
- Developing a compelling narrative to drive large scale change.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

Not applicable

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

There are no known risks to engagement with this programme.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Engagement to date has been with Director of Public Health and stakeholders across the Liverpool city region.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable at present

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