



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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REPORT TITLE:	WIRRAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CARE MODEL
REPORT OF:	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR TRANSFORMATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

REPORT SUMMARY

The COVID-19 pandemic has rapidly accelerated the integration of care in the community in many areas. The transformative potential of organisations working together at a neighbourhood level to meet local needs has never been clearer.

This report outlines the proposed model and approach to developing a neighbourhood care model on Wirral. The paper builds upon previous work considered across Wirral's Care and Health system and refreshes previous approaches with a revised 'bottom up' approach proposed with regard to how key organisations can come together to tackle health inequalities on Wirral. The paper is brief as it supports a PowerPoint presentation to the board that describes the model and a proposed programme timeline for implementing the model.

RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to consider and note the proposed model for neighbourhoods and the proposed programme and associated timeline.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 Health inequalities in Wirral are increasing and intelligence shows that variances in health outcomes are clearly shown between the most deprived and least deprived wards in Wirral. These are shown in the attached presentation. By adopting a new approach where people living in communities are actively involved in addressing health inequalities that are particular to their neighbourhood, we will work together across all partners to reduce the health inequalities.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Previous approaches to reducing health inequalities have had little impact and this new approach will also enable the broader aspects that determine health inequalities to be addressed.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Tackling health inequalities is a priority both for the NHS and the Integrated Care Board and also for Wirral Council. This proposed model will enable the implementation of the priorities within the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and also the Wirral Plan. It will also reflect the priorities within the currently draft Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (ICB) Strategy. Developing a neighbourhood model is a priority work programme of the Wirral Delivery Plan.
- 3.2 The attached presentation describes the current situation with health inequalities and outcomes on Wirral and nationally it is acknowledged that the current cost of living crises will have a further detrimental impact on our most vulnerable population. The proposed model is to adopt a neighbourhood care model and a 'bottom up' approach. Each neighbourhood will have a core group, chaired by a local community champion, with representation from across their neighbourhood, their health and care providers and local councillor. This group will be supported by Council and ICB managers who will provide population health dashboards to each neighbourhood and support with adopting a quality improvement methodology to their work. Each neighbourhood will agree their own particular priority for addressing their health inequalities using their population health dashboard and also local intelligence. The focus will be on prevention and the wider determinants of health.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Programme support will be required to provide the infrastructure for the development of Neighbourhoods it is expected that transformation money will be available to support this work from the Integrated Care System

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There is no direct legal requirement to work at neighbourhood level, this is a best practice model. Organisations should however use resources to best effect, and under place arrangements there is an opportunity to discharge statutory responsibilities in a more targeted way based upon local need and priorities.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 Leadership from the programme will be overseen through the Strategic transformation Group under place partnership arrangements. Resources will be made available through system partners as appropriate to deliver upon place priorities.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 If we do not address our health inequalities in a different way this will result in our health outcomes deteriorating further. It is also acknowledged that adopting this new approach will not have an immediate impact on improving our health inequalities.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 As part of the development of each of the neighbourhood core groups there will be engagement events in each of the neighbourhoods. Engagement with health and care providers is ongoing.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The potential impact of the proposals contained within this report have been reviewed and the impact review is attached –

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments>

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no direct environment and climate implications. It is likely that neighbourhood arrangements could require less travel by staff across the Borough, however this has not been measured.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Neighbourhood working is likely to play a role in supporting the development of resilient local communities and community support organisations in relation to the delivery of care and health services. Community voluntary faith and social enterprise sectors may benefit from working more closely with key statutory organisations more closely linked at neighbourhood level.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Presentation regarding the neighbourhood model.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Health and Wellbeing Strategy

TERMS OF REFERENCE

This report is being considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board in accordance with sections a) and b) of its Terms of Reference:

“The Health and Wellbeing Board will not be responsible for directly commissioning services, but will provide oversight, strategic direction and coordination of the following activities:

- (a) To develop a shared understanding of the needs of the local community through the development of an agreed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- (b) To seek to meet those needs through leading on the ongoing development of a Health & Wellbeing Strategy”

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date