



FOR PUBLICATION

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

18 January 2024

Report of the Director - Public Health

Public Health Localities Approach 2024
(Cabinet Member for Health and Communities)

1. Purpose

1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- a) Note that the Localities Approach will further support the delivery of the new Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- b) Agree to receive regular updates on the contribution of the Localities Approach to the delivery of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy

2. Information and Analysis

2.1 The Public Health Localities Approach has been a mechanism for delivery of key priorities for Derbyshire Public Health since 2007 at a local, place level. The Public Health Localities Approach provides a Public Health presence in local communities. Across the County the localities programme builds and maintains local partnerships around health and wellbeing outcomes and actions. Local Health and Wellbeing Partnerships (HWP) deliver a broad range of place-based projects and programmes through a devolved funding model. The locality projects and programmes aim to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities through addressing local health priorities.

- 2.2 The Public Health Localities Approach consists of eight HWPs, each based on a district or borough council footprint, which are coordinated and facilitated by the Council's Public Health team. Membership of each HWP varies, reflecting local differences between communities.
- 2.3 The Localities Approach works to improve the health and wellbeing of Derbyshire residents. The Localities Approach aims to reduce inequalities and supports the discharge of the Council's statutory Public Health duties. The Localities Approach provides insight to support commissioning and delivery of mandated and essential services.
- 2.4 The Localities Approach continues to empower communities to support each other and develop long-term solutions, helping to shift our public service system away from crisis reaction, and towards prevention and early interventions. This is essential if public services are to be sustainable in the future.
- 2.5 A review was undertaken in July 2023 to assess the value of the Localities Approach to partners from different sectors and backgrounds. The findings of the review highlighted the wide variety of ways in which the HWPs created value for local partnerships, the complex and varied work of the eight HWPs, achieved through working with hundreds of partners across Derbyshire and how they were an essential part of Derbyshire's health and wellbeing infrastructure.
- 2.6 The July review found that the Localities Approach added immense value to all partners involved, aided local decision making on community health and wellbeing, and was highly valued. The devolved ways of working with local town, district, and borough councils, as well as community and voluntary groups also aligns with the Integrated Care System model.
- 2.7 Feedback from partners and the evaluation has also highlighted the complexities of reducing duplication and opportunities in bringing together the Place Alliance, Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, and VCSE (Voluntary, Community Social Enterprise) Alliance. The Health and Wellbeing Board is instrumental in bringing together high-level agendas across the different areas in Derbyshire, ensuring collaborative delivery of agreed Areas of Focus.
- 2.8 Enabling and supporting stronger system partnerships and collaboration across organisational boundaries, will facilitate partners to collectively tackle health inequalities through implementation of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

3. Alternative Options Considered

3.1 The Localities Approach is not supported as an enabler for the delivery of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

4. Implications

4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

5. Consultation

5.1 N/A.

6. Partnership Opportunities

6.1 The Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Areas of Focus can be utilised to bring system partners and Alliances together on shared health and wellbeing agendas.

7. Background Papers

7.1 N/A

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – Implications.

9. Recommendation(s)

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- a) Note that the Localities Approach will further support the delivery of the new Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- b) Agree to receive regular updates on the contribution of the Localities Approach to the delivery of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy

10. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

10.1 To highlight key deliverables and progress from the Localities Approach against the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

- 10.2 Feedback from partners has highlighted the complexities of reducing duplication and opportunities in bringing together the Place Alliance, Health and Wellbeing Partnerships, and VCSE Alliance. The Health and Wellbeing Board will be instrumental in facilitating the high-level health and wellbeing agendas.
- 10.3 Working together on the delivery of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, will ensure a sharper focus on a population level approach to tackling health inequalities. Tackling inequality in all forms will help improve the health outcomes at a population level.
- 10.4 Working together across organisational boundaries and delivering through strong collaborative leadership will lead to an impact that is greater than the sum of the individuals.

Report Author: Luan Wilde, Public Health Lead

Contact details: luan.wilde@derbyshire.gov.uk

Organisation: Public Health, Derbyshire County Council

HWB Sponsor: Iain Little, Assistant Director

Appendix 1

Implications

Financial

1.1 There are no financial implications of this report.

Legal

2.1 There are no legal implications of this report.

Human Resources

3.1 There are no human resource implications of this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 The Localities Approach is focused on reducing inequality and therefore is considering equality impact as an ongoing function.

Partnerships

5.1 To support the delivery of the strategy consideration is given to system wide partners to pool resources, ideas, and actions to make a greater impact together.

For example, the region is receiving £1.3m for smoking cessation and working together with our partners will have a greater impact than working alone.

A further example is Falls Prevention, where working collectively to reduce falls and increase support in the community enables residents to stay stronger for longer, build in social connectedness and reduce hospital admissions.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities

6.1 The Locality Approach discussed in the report already contributes to the delivery of current strategy priorities.

Other implications

7.1 N/A