

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board	Date of Meeting:	Wednesday 6 December 2023
Subject:	Sub-Group Updates		
Report of:	Director of Public Health	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Health and Wellbeing		
Is this a Key Decision:	No	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

This report is to present the Health and Wellbeing Board with a summary of activity from the five identified subgroups and seek approval for the Better Care Fund 2023-25 Quarter 2 Quarterly Reporting Template. The report also includes a summary of activity from the Combatting Drugs Partnership and the Board's Terms of Reference which are to be reviewed on a 12 monthly basis. This is activity since the last report received by the Board on the 13th of September 2023.

Recommendation(s):

- (1) The Updates from the five identified subgroups and the Combatting Drugs Partnership are received and noted by the Board;
- (2) The Board reviews it's Terms of Reference; and
- (3) The Board approves the Better Care Fund 2023-25 Quarter 2 Quarterly Reporting Template.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The Board is asked to routinely receive and note updates to ensure compliance with required governance standards.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

The contents of this report do not incur additional revenue costs.

(B) Capital Costs

The contents of this report do not incur additional capital costs.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):	
There are no resource implications.	
Legal Implications:	
There are no legal implications.	
Equality Implications:	
There are no equality implications.	
Impact on Children and Young People: Yes	
The Children and Young People’s Partnership Board is one of the Sub-Groups included in the update report.	
Climate Emergency Implications:	
The recommendations within this report will	
Have a positive impact	No
Have a neutral impact	Yes
Have a negative impact	No
The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Yes

Contribution to the Council’s Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Ensure the Health Wellbeing Board has oversight of Subgroup activity and its impact. A number of the Sub-Groups are focused on helping the most vulnerable.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Ensure the Health Wellbeing Board has oversight of Subgroup activity and its impact. A number of the Sub-Groups regularly work with communities.
Commission, broker and provide core services: Ensure the Health Wellbeing Board has oversight of Subgroup activity and its impact. A number of the Sub-Groups are responsible for assisting with the provision of core services.

Place – leadership and influencer: Ensure the Health Wellbeing Board has oversight of Subgroup activity and its impact. A number of the Sub-Groups are involved/included with(in) the Sefton Place Plan.
Drivers of change and reform: Ensure the Health Wellbeing Board has oversight of Subgroup activity and its impact. A number of the Sub-Groups are responsible for facilitating change across Sefton.
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not applicable
Cleaner Greener: Not applicable

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.7443/23.....) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5542/23....) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Not applicable.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Board meeting.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

1. Better Care Fund 2023-25 Quarter 2 Quarterly Reporting Template
2. Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 As agreed at the December 2019 meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Board receives a standard agenda item of summarised activity of its formal Sub-Groups.
- 1.2 The Sub-Groups are identified as:
 - Children and Young People Partnership Board
 - SEND Continuous Improvement Board
 - Adults Forum
 - Health and Wellbeing Board Executive
 - Health Protection Forum
- 1.3 The Board also receives regular updates from the Combatting Drugs Partnership which is included in the report.
- 1.4 Also included in the report is Sefton's Better Care Fund 2023-25 Quarter 2 Quarterly Reporting Template for approval. This follows the approval of the Better Care Fund Planning Template 2023-25 at the last meeting of the Board (13 September 2023)

2. Adults Forum

- 2.1 The Adult's Forum has not met since the last update.

3. Children and Young People Partnership Board

- 3.1 The Children and Young People Partnership Board has not met since the last update.

4. Health and Wellbeing Executive

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board Executive has not met since the last update but is responsible for the reporting on and approval of the Better Care Fund.
- 4.2 Appendix 1 contains the Better Care Fund 2023-25 Quarter 2 Quarterly Reporting Template for approval by the Board.

5. Health Protection Forum

- 5.1 The Sefton Health Protection Forum last met in November 2023.
- 5.2 There were updates regarding Measles cases in the North West, though no cases currently reported in Cheshire and Merseyside. Settings and communities with low levels of immunity are identified as being vulnerable to outbreaks and there was concern that:
 - MMR vaccination rates are low in some areas of Sefton
 - Isolation period for health care staff who are exposed to a case but not known to be immune to measles is around 16 days (from day 5 to day 21 after exposure) with potential impacts on business continuity
 - National guidance around PPE required when dealing with suspected or

probable cases in primary care awaiting clarification from NHS England.

- 5.3 There was agreement to follow-up on the Cheshire and Merseyside level work on Measles led by NHS England and to look at this from a Sefton perspective via a task and finish group.
- 5.4 The group agreed to support work on the public health annual report which will focus on immunisations for children
- 5.5 Other key topics discussed included:
 - Current tailing off in COVID-19 infections
 - Increase in the number of scabies outbreaks in care settings
 - Some seasonal increases in Group-A streptococcus infection

6. Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Continuous Improvement Board (SENDCIB)

- 6.1 The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Continuous Improvement Board last met on the 21st of November 2023.
- 6.2 The Board reviewed all actions from the previous meeting as well as action plans from the Sub-Groups.
- 6.3 The Board received and discussed at length a Children's Social Care case study which showed a change in practice, partnership working and a positive outcome for a young person and his family.
- 6.4 The Board heard an update from the PCF about the local offer live event in Southport and committed to seek feedback from the event as well as support the next one.
- 6.5 The Board received and reviewed the updated dashboard and agreed actions to improve performance areas by exception.
- 6.6 The Board heard verbal updates on Delivery better value, sufficiency and EHCP progress and requested written updates at the next meeting.
- 6.7 The Board agreed the following actions:
 - Members to read and share all resources relating to Early Help, Personal Budgets and Waiting Well community-based interventions
 - A task group to undertake a deep dive of exclusions in schools and where children have an EHCP
 - Corporate project management support to be sought for SEND work
 - Work to be completed on how Portsmouth reduced the number of children with EHCP's and waiting for ADHD and ASD assessment
 - A break down to be provided at the next meeting of Electively Home Educated numbers by SEND
 - To analyse the cohort of young people, experience poor mental health post Covid-19 and assess if there is a correlation with SEND Children
 - A task and finish group be established to examine tribunal numbers and

- patterns which contrast with the national picture
- A written update on sufficiency to be brought to the next meeting
- A trajectory and plan to be shared at the next meeting to bring EHCP's within the 20-week threshold

7. Combatting Drugs Partnership

- 7.1 The Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP) is a multi-agency forum that is accountable for delivering the outcomes in the 10-year Drugs Plan within local areas. CDPs will provide a single setting for understanding and addressing shared challenges related to drug-related harm, based on the local context, and need.
- 7.2 The local Sefton CDP meets quarterly and has met once on 28 September 2023 since the last update.
- 7.3 Each CDP meeting has a themed spotlight session, the focus for the September meeting was Criminal Justice. LJMU presented data on the Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP). An overview of the Criminal Justice Intervention Teams (CJITs) data was shared, and actions discussed around improving required assessment (RA) issues. The Health and Justice Lead for Merseyside, HMP Altcourse and HMP Liverpool presented on Continuity of Care of drug and alcohol treatment for people leaving prison. An overview of the pathways into services for people on probation, including improving continuity of care between custody and the community were discussed. The aim is to improve the health and wellbeing of people on probation and contribute to reducing health inequalities and disparities.
- 7.4 A presentation was shared with partners informing them of the role of the Northwest Health & Justice Partnership Coordinator.
- 7.5 Updates were provided on the CDP subgroups, a key area of development is the input from service users, those with lived experience and the engagement of the wider community. A Treatment Effectiveness group is now a sub-group of the CDP and will engage with providers across the treatment and recovery system. Subgroups will meet at least quarterly and will review treatment processes and pathways with the aim of sharing ideas to build the evidence base and develop practice.
- 7.6 Feedback was provided on the Mersey CDP with regional/national updates shared. The partnership was informed about the letter received from Minister O'Brien highlighting the need to improve referral rates between mental and physical healthcare services and drug and alcohol treatment services.
- 7.7 A version of the local Sefton CDP dashboard was tabled and an update on progress provided. Gaps in data were discussed and requests made to partner agencies to provide information were possible.
- 7.8 An annual review of the terms of reference was complete, gaps around partnership representation and themed agendas were discussed. An update and review the CDP membership list is currently in progress.
- 7.9 Sefton CDP contributed to a report for the Merseyside CDP chaired by the PCC Office which is attended by the Sefton Senior Reporting Officer – Margaret Jones.

- 7.10 A CDP update was presented at Septembers Cabinet Member Briefing for Health & Wellbeing.
- 7.11 In October the Sefton CDP provided an update for the Merseyside Strategic Policing & Partnership Board (MSPPB).
- 7.12 A one-year update summarising the progress of the CDP will be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing board on Wednesday 6th December 2023.
- 7.13 Combating Drugs Partnership meetings are held quarterly, the next meeting is Wednesday 13th December 2023.

8. Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference

- 8.1 Appendix 2 contains the Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference which were approved at the meeting of the Board on Wednesday the 28th of September 2022.
- 8.2 The Board agreed to review the Terms of Reference on a 12 monthly basis.