

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board	Date of Meeting:	Wednesday 5 June 2024
Subject:	Sub-Group Updates		
Report of:	Director of Public Health	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Public 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 2023-24 Year End Template and Sefton's Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund plan 2024 to 2025.

The report also includes a summary of activity from the Combatting Drugs Partnership and outlines changes to pharmacies in Sefton. This is activity since the last report received by the Board on the 6th of March 2024.

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 notes the changes to Pharmacies in its area;
- (3) The Board approves the Better Care Fund 2023-24 Year End Template; and
- (4) The Board approves Sefton's Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund plan 2024 to 2025.

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.7675/24) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.5775/24) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

None

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

1. Better Care Fund 2023-24 Year End Template
2. Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund 2024 to 2025 - Qualitative Capacity Plan Template
3. Sefton Council - Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund 2024 to 2025 - Qualitative Capacity Plan Template

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 The Board is required to receive and note changes to Pharmacies in its area from NHS England which are included in detail below.

1.5 Also included in the report is Sefton's Better Care Fund 2023-24 Year End Template and Sefton's Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund Plan 2024 to 2025.

2. Adults Forum

2.1 The Adult's Forum has met once since the last update, on the 27th of February. The Forum will next meet on the 23rd of May. The Forum is chaired by Andrew Booth and Councillor Moncur attends.

2.2 The forum received an update on Assurance preparation and an overview of the Place Plan development. There were communication updates around Hydration and Ageism Day. The Group also discussed the next steps for the development of the Carers strategy.

3. Children and Young People Partnership Board

3.1 The Children and Young People Board meets on a bi-monthly basis, and the next meeting is on 19 June 2024. The Board is chaired by Phil Porter and Councillor Diane Roscoe attends.

3.2 There was a refresh of the governance and priorities in the summer of 2023.

3.3 The meetings now start with a presentation from a partner to explain their priorities and from their perspective what is working and what could be improved in terms of partnership working to improve outcomes for children and young people.

3.4 At the most recent meeting in April 2024 the presentation was from Hugh Baird College and had a particular focus on how we could work together better ahead of and post 16.

3.5 The Partnership is overseeing the development of a new Children and Young People's plan, and the consultation with children and young people and partners has just finished. The partnership will receive an overview of the findings at the next

meeting.

- 3.6 While the new plan is being developed the partnership continues to deliver on the old plan through its 3 Sub-Groups: 1) Early Help and 2) Emotional Mental Health and Wellbeing have been reviewed and have a renewed and clear focus, in line with the Children's Commissioners recommendations in the case of EMHWP. 3) Start Well will report to the next meeting in terms of future focus.
- 3.7 In addition, the partnership has identified 5 interim priorities that it will focus on and ensure the whole partnership is behind: Team around the School, Family Hubs, Fast track Access to Mental Health support (which is now focused on developing system wide pathways to ensure easier and quicker access to support at all levels of need), Improving Attendance, and Child Poverty.

4. Health and Wellbeing Executive

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Executive last met on the 27th of February 2024.

4.2 At the February meeting the following was discussed:

- Update on Performance and Finance
- BCF Plan
- Sefton Place Plan / Joint Forward Plan
- Governance Update

4.3 The Executive has overseen the production of the 2023/24 Better Care Fund Report which was submitted on the 23rd of May 2024 to NHS England. The Chair gave approval by correspondence, but the board is asked to formally receive and note this report.

4.4 Appendix 1 contains the Better Care Fund 2023-24 Year End Template for approval by the Board.

4.5 The Board are also asked to offer their approval to Sefton's Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund plan 2024 to 2025. This fund was introduced by Central Government in their November 2022 Budget Statement and can be used by Local Authorities to build capacity and improved market sustainability in the Adult Social Care Market by increasing fee rates paid to Adult Social Care providers in local areas increasing Adult Social Care workforce capacity and retention and reducing adult social care waiting times. Appendix 2 provides the Board with the narrative report submitted to central government on May 22nd, Appendix 3 provides capacity information and is required by Central Government on the 10th of June.

4.6 The Executive is next due to meet on the 22nd of August 2024.

5. Health Protection Forum

5.1 The Sefton Health Protection Forum has met once since the last update, in March 2024. Key updates from the March meeting are listed below:

5.2 Health Protection

COVID-19 testing – There have been changes to the testing available for COVID-19. Routine asymptomatic testing as part of hospital discharge to stop. Diagnostic

and outbreak testing available in line with testing for other acute respiratory infections. Lateral flow tests available for clinically vulnerable cohorts to support access to antiviral testing.

Pertussis - There has been an increase in whooping cough cases nationally. Newborns who have not yet received their primary Pertussis vaccinations are most at risk from severe illness and protection for this group is through vaccination of pregnant women. Communication and awareness messaging is ongoing around this to support vaccination uptake.

Measles – There have been cases of Measles across the UK with large community outbreaks in the Midlands and London, and within the North-West. There have also been cases in Cheshire and Merseyside. Most cases are younger age groups. Incident response remains in place across region but will be scaled back as cases are stable and appear to be reducing. Response groups set up across ICB, North Mersey and within Sefton looking at preparedness and response to cases, actions required to improve MMR uptake and ensuring infection prevention and control measures in place. Key elements of work continue around MMR uptake and plans around ensuring PPE training rolled-out to primary care.

5.3 *Improving MMR Uptake*

- NHS E funded improving childhood immunisation project due to start in South Sefton PCN
- ICB commissioned Living Well Bus to delivering children's vaccinations in Sefton, locations selected in areas with lowest uptake.
- Alder Hey pilot to signpost to local community clinic for MMR vaccinations ceased following very low uptake, other options being explored.
- Small number of community pharmacies (including 2 in Sefton) able to provide MMR vaccinations to children as part of NHS E pilot.
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5.4 *Blood Borne Viruses*

- Opt-out HIV testing being rolled-out in Liverpool University Teaching Hospital A&E sites in Liverpool and Aintree.
- Positive work relating to Hepatitis C such as the national micro-elimination programme and eradication programme. Data suggests the majority of the reduction in Hepatitis C is due to treatment rather than prevention and data from UKHSA points to evidence of on-ongoing new infections as well as re-infection among people who inject drugs.
- Use of needles and syringe programmes has continued to decline since the Covid-19 pandemic and significant numbers of people who inject drugs are not engaged with treatment services.
- Fewer people who use opiates and crack cocaine are engaging as new to treatment while NDTMS unmet treatment need calculator estimates the level of unmet treatment need for Sefton at around 50%.
- Funding has been secured to pilot a peer-based secondary needle and syringe programme with Hepatitis C Trust and Change, Grow, Live with the aim of improving access to sterile injecting equipment and reducing the risk of acquiring and passing on BBV.
- A comprehensive needs/gap analysis of needle and syringe programmes has been carried out and a presentation will hopefully be available at the next HPF meeting.

5.5 The next meeting is due to take place on 18th June 2024 and will be a face-to face development session to review priorities for the forum over the next 12 months.

6. Special Education Needs and Disabilities Continuous Improvement Board (SENDICIB)

6.1 The Special Education Needs and Disabilities Continuous Improvement Board has not met since the last update (at the time of writing this report).

7. Combatting Drugs Partnership

7.1 The Partnership has met once since the last update, on the 13th of March 2024. The Combatting Drugs Partnership is chaired by Margaret Jones, the portfolio holder is Councillor Mhairi Doyle.

7.2 Each CDP meeting has a themed spotlight session, the focus for the March meeting was Alcohol.

7.3 The Beyond project presented on foetal alcohol spectrum disorder, they highlighted national guidance, areas of assessment and prevalence.

7.4 The alcohol care teams from Southport and Aintree Hospitals presented current referral pathways, clinical interventions, and patient profile.

7.5 The CDP provides opportunities to identify new areas for investment and development across the wider partnership. Sefton CVS projects received funding from the 2023/24 Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG), they provided updates on current investment and development projects. The CDP provides oversight of the plan to ensure it focuses on

improvements in quality and capacity of the local drug and alcohol treatment system.

7.6 Sefton Public Health team shared campaign materials and promotional activity for the CHAMPS lower my drinking campaign. The App has been designed to reduce alcohol consumption by supporting individual behaviour change. The additional promotion in Sefton is to increase the number of app downloads.

7.7 The next CDP meeting is due to take place on the 12th of June 2024.

8. Pharmacy Updates

8.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is required to receive and note changes to Pharmacies in its area from NHS England. From March 2024 to date, the following notifications have been received:

Pharmacy	Notifications
Whitworth Chemists Limited at 11a Norwood Avenue, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 7EG	Change of Ownership
Whitworth Chemists Limited at 90 Moore Street, Bootle, Merseyside, L20 4SF	Change of Ownership
Granbydale Ltd at 61 Park Street, Liverpool, L20 3DF	Change of Ownership
Unit 169 Parkside, The Strand Shopping Centre, Bootle, L20 4XX	Relocation
Whitworth Chemists Ltd, Unit 10, Old Farm Business Park, Crowland Street, Southport, PR9 7RJ	Closure
Litherland Road, Liverpool L20 3BY	Change of Ownership