



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title: Joint Coventry and Warwickshire Place Forum and Health & Care Partnership Update

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This paper updates the Health and Wellbeing Board on the outcomes of Joint Place Forum and Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Care Partnership Board meeting held on the 2 March 2021.

2 Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note the contents of the report and the next steps and actions resulting from the Joint Place Forum and Health & Care Partnership Board meeting held on 2 March 2020.

3 Joint Place Forum & Health & Care Partnership Board meeting, 2 March

- 3.1 An online joint meeting of the Coventry and Warwickshire Place Forum and the Health and Care Partnership Board was held on 2 March 2021. The meeting was joined by around 70 partners from across the health and wellbeing system. This was the third meeting held jointly during the pandemic period and, as previously, focused on addressing health inequalities and exploring potential collaborative action to address the negative impacts and capitalise on the opportunities arising from the pandemic.
- 3.2 The meeting included:
- Updates from the Health and Care Partnership about: the C&W Integrated Care System (ICS) application; progress on merger of the 3 CCGs to become a single commissioning organisation on 1st April 2021; and implications of the Government White Paper and forthcoming legislation on health and social care.
 - Information about how partners are responding to COVID-19, including: the vaccination programme and work to tackle inequalities in uptake; the work of the local authorities on the community testing programme and how this is being targeted at need; and work to support staff health and wellbeing across NHS, local authority partners and independent and VCS care providers.

- Tackling health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing outcomes for communities, with a particular focus on mental health and wellbeing which had been highlighted as a particular concern for members at the previous meeting. This item included:
 - Tackling the mental health impacts of the pandemic, including the community mental health transformation programme led by Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust
 - Update on the Healthy Communities Together programme, following a successful bid to national King's Fund / National Lottery Community Fund programme
 - Details of the forthcoming Call to Action on health inequalities across Coventry and Warwickshire
 - Information about the relaunch of the Wellbeing for Life campaign.

3.3 There were opportunities for discussion about how members could support these agendas within their communities and organisations, and a Mentimeter poll was used to capture feedback and commitments.

3.4 Key themes emerging from discussion included:

- There are opportunities, through forthcoming legislation on integrated care, to extend collective working and build on strong existing partnerships. It is important that a population health-based approach drives our system change and that we harness the full breadth of influence of partners in improving health outcomes and tackling stubborn inequalities.
- Efforts to ensure inequalities are not reinforced through access and uptake of vaccination and community testing programmes are critically important, and there are opportunities for wider partners to support in this.
- Supporting staff wellbeing is crucial to the recovery of services and aligns closely to work to address healthcare workforce challenges that existed pre-COVID, with potential for a positive impact on inequalities.
- Mental health is likely to be one of the most difficult and enduring impacts of the pandemic and there are significant opportunities emerging to mobilise the collective energies of partners to promote mental wellbeing, taking a wider determinants approach.
- Partners need to translate shared agendas into tangible, practical action and the Call to Action and Wellbeing for Life campaigns offer real opportunities to make an impact by working together and demonstrating collective vision and leadership.

3.5 The agenda, presentations and outcomes of the Mentimeter poll are available at <https://www.happyhealthylives.uk/about-us/our-partnership-board/>.

4 Key actions and next steps

4.1 The following actions were proposed for partners:

- Ensure the implications of the Health and Social Care White Paper are understood at an organisational level and embedded within plans for Place
- Continue to support and champion the dissemination of COVID-19 response information to people within our communities to:

- Ensure equal uptake of the COVID-19 vaccination programme in line with national guidance; and
- Promote community testing to target audiences
- Take opportunities to work collaboratively and use a population health approach to best address the mental health impacts of the pandemic in our communities
- Respond to and champion the Call to Action to address health inequalities
- Champion and progress workforce wellbeing within organisations, including commitment to THRIVE at Work.

4.2 The next Place Forum meeting is scheduled for 17 June 2021 and it is planned that this will again be a joint, online meeting with the C&W Health and Care Partnership Board.

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