



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 17 June 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 17 June 2021.

3 Joint Place Forum & Health & Care Partnership Board meeting, 17 June

- 3.1 An online joint meeting of the Coventry and Warwickshire Place Forum and the Health and Care Partnership Board was held on 17 June 2021. The meeting was joined by over 60 partners from across the health and wellbeing system. This was the fourth meeting held jointly and virtually during the pandemic period and continued to focus on addressing health inequalities and exploring opportunities for collaborative action in response to the pandemic.

3.2 The meeting included:

- Details of the revised [Local Outbreak Management Plans](#), which were published in March 2021, and reflection on the system response to managing the pandemic, and immediate and future priorities
- Tackling health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing outcomes for communities, with a particular focus on:
 - The relaunch of the Wellbeing for Life programme and progress of partners against Thrive at Work commitments
 - How the Coventry UK City of Culture 2021 programme is supporting health and wellbeing and tackling inequalities in cultural participation

- The role of the Anchor Alliance and CWLEP in helping to tackle inequalities through the economic recovery and the Health Inequalities Call to Action.
 - Updates from the Health and Care Partnership about the restoration of NHS services across Coventry and Warwickshire; and the transition to a statutory Integrated Care System from April 2022 following formal approval of Coventry and Warwickshire's application to become an ICS in March 2021.
- 3.3 There were opportunities for discussion about how members could support these agendas within their communities and organisations, including a panel discussion about the UK City of Culture 2021 programme and the Health Inequalities Call to Action.
- 3.4 Key themes emerging from discussion included:
- The local outbreak management response has highlighted the importance of data in driving targeted action, and the strength of local, place-based approaches. The pandemic has created new partnerships with local communities which must be sustained if we are to tackle inequalities and address the impact of the pandemic from a population health perspective.
 - There are real opportunities to tackle inequalities in health outcomes through the Coventry UK City of Culture 2021 programme, by increasing cultural participation in all neighbourhoods. Partners have a collective responsibility to support communities to engage with the programme, drawing on learning from the COVID response to support this.
 - Anchor organisations could have particular impact in addressing inequalities in employment and skills by connecting with education institutions and providing employment and training routes for those who leave school with no qualifications, and opportunities for those with lived experience.
 - The business community has a key role to play in tackling inequalities as the economy recovers and the Call to Action provides an important mechanism for businesses to understand their role and sign up to practical actions to help make a difference.
 - The transition to a statutory Integrated Care System should help align national and local priorities for population health and build on existing partnerships. It is important that discussions about governance do not distract from the core business of restoration, improving health outcomes and tackling inequalities.
- 3.5 The agenda, presentations and outcomes of the meeting 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:

- Reflect and build on learning to date from COVID-19 outbreak management and, as partners, seek opportunities to support the next phase of COVID defence
- Commit as organisations to support and promote the Wellbeing for Life campaign and in particular to progress Thrive at Work commitments

- Harness opportunities arising from the UK City of Culture 2021 to work together to address inequalities and improve health outcomes
- Demonstrate leadership in championing the Call To Action to address health inequalities and support the economic recovery
- Work together to ensure that the Health and Care Partnership places action to tackle inequalities and improve population health at the centre of recovery plans.

4.2 The next Place Forum meeting is scheduled for 17 November 2021 and it is planned that this will again be a joint meeting with the C&W Health and Care Partnership Board, as the ICS moves towards statutory ICS requirements from April 2022.

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