

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

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Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2018 - 19

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Summary:	The paper presents the Annual Report of the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board for the period April 2018 - March 2019		
Recommendations:	That the Health and Wellbeing Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept and approve the annual report of the Board 		
Reasons for Recommendations:	This report summarises the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board (2018 – 19) against its statutory duties, its priority work programme and its influence and oversight		
Links to Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy:	The Board has a statutory responsibility for Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy		
Financial, Legal and HR Implications:	None identified		
Equalities Implications:	The Board has a duty to ensure that quality and diversity is addressed in its work		
Risk Assessment:	The Health and Wellbeing Board is statutory function of local authority		

1. Background

1.1. This paper presents progress of the Health and Wellbeing Board for the period 2018 - 19

1.2. The Health and Wellbeing Board has the met its statutory duties:

- The Board has a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for its population.
- The Board has produced a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment to inform planning and commissioning.
- The Board has produced a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for the area.
- The Board has had oversight of the Better Care Fund and has promoted the integration of Health, Public Health and Social Care through the Somerset Sustainability and Transformation Plan and through the development of a Health and Care Commissioning Strategy.

1.3. In addition to fulfilling its statutory duties the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board undertakes to progress health improvement through a number of priority workstreams each year, as well as taking an oversight and influencing role across the whole health and wellbeing system.

During the year good progress was made on the six priority work streams

- *Prevention:* Signatories to the Prevention Charter have active prevention plans in place or prevention has been recognised in their corporate plans. The development of the new Mental Health Champions has also been an important area of work for this work stream. The Improving Lives in Somerset Strategy has developed a new and exciting approach to building healthy people and places in Somerset through a wider focus on environment, infrastructure, housing and the economy as well as on fostering health through education, employment, lifestyle choices and access to health and other services.
- *Joint commissioning strategy for health and care:* The Fit for My Future Strategy has been developed and consulted upon through a number of engagement events across the county.
- *Integrated and Sustainable Models of Care:* Cross system working has been facilitated by the BCF, and in particular the Improved Better Care Fund and one-off winter funding. Work on support for people at home has been expanded, as have the options and support within hospitals. All of this led to a managing of the winter demand differently and ensured less escalation and delays remaining below the 2.5% target despite a continuation of the increased demand. Importantly it also led to better outcomes for people with a focus on enablement and people being able to
- *Improved outcomes for children and young people:* The focus has been on a combination of drug and alcohol use, mental health problems and domestic violence. Improvements have been made in the identification of these risks to children. This approach has been built into service contracts and multi-agency training and awareness-raising has been being developed.

- *Stronger Communities*: A continued focus has been to work closely with the voluntary and community sector to take local action to strengthen local community action for health and wellbeing. This includes a focus on alignment with Primary Care Networks and neighbourhoods. The Board has supported the development and completion of the Somerset Housing Strategy
- *Multiple vulnerabilities and complex needs*: The Positive Lives framework focuses on the needs of people with multiple and complex needs as a result of homelessness, substance use, mental health issues or antisocial behaviours, including violence. A strong cross sector partnership supports innovative working relationships between organisations to find new solutions with and for these individuals. Creative Solutions has seen joint commissioning between public health and Adult Social Care with the procurement of an innovative housing solution for people who are homeless; providing wrap around support where people live to obtain and sustain a place to live.

The Board has maintained oversight of a number of strategies, ensuring alignment with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Wellbeing Strategy and providing an opportunity for the escalation of issues that can only be resolved through multi-agency collaboration or holding partners to account. The adoption of a joint working protocol has supported Chairs of Strategic Boards for Health and Wellbeing, Children and Adults Safeguarding, Community Safety, the Children's Trust and Corporate Parenting Boards to work together on issues of common interest.

2. Options considered and reasons for rejecting them

2.1. n/a

3. Consultations undertaken

3.1. The diverse voices, views and experiences of the people of Somerset are important in shaping the work of the Board; and the Board needs to communicate with a wide range of partners who are keen to know about the strategic direction for health and wellbeing in Somerset. This happens in a number of ways, and all of the Board members are active in supporting this dialogue through their networks.

4. Financial, Legal, HR and Risk Implications

4.1. n/a

5. Background papers

5.1. Appendix 1: Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2018 - 2019