

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting to be held on 29th April 2014

Electoral Division affected:

All

Taking a Partnership Approach in Addressing Health Inequalities in Lancashire 2013 to 2020

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Executive Summary

Following publication of the Marmot Review, Lancashire was chosen alongside five other authorities to receive bespoke advice and support over a two year period due to the complexities of addressing health inequalities in a two tier area. An event was organised on 13th March 2014, 'hosted' by the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board to look at how different partners could work together in addressing health inequalities, utilising the Marmot objectives.

A wide range of partners attended including, members of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Joint Officer Group, District Councils, Lancashire County Council, Registered Social Landlords and Chairs of Locality Health and Wellbeing Partnerships. A total of approximately 40 people attended. Mike Grady from the Institute of health equity gave the keynote speech about aligning strategy and action and included an update on community budgeting. He also facilitated the event, providing challenge to the partners.

Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note the update from the Health and Wellbeing Hosted Event on 13 March 2014
2. Consider the next steps identified in the report and agree the way forward.

Background and Advice

1. The History of the Marmot Review in Lancashire

The Marmot review, Fair Society, Healthy Lives states that reducing health inequalities is a matter of fairness and social justice. There is a social gradient in health, meaning that those people in the most deprived areas experiencing poorer health than those in the least deprived areas. Action to mitigate this should focus on reducing the gradient in health; this should also consider equity of access for groups who find it difficult to access the resources and services they need to thrive.

2. Support from the Marmot Team

Working with Mike Grady from the Institute of Health Equity, University College London, a series of workshops are currently underway both within Lancashire County Council and externally with wider partners via the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Lancashire Leaders' Group, to help identify key actions to address health inequalities using the Marmot approach, focussing on the social determinants of health.

3. The Partnership Approach in Lancashire

Taking a Marmot approach means tackling the root causes of health inequalities; and specifically the inequalities in life chances. To achieve greater health equity we should focus on the six Marmot policy objectives: maximising the life chances of children, improving access to work, increasing income, strengthening community resilience, improving the quality of the local environment and preventing ill health. The Health and Wellbeing Board has also previously agreed six 'shifts' which will help deliver improved health outcomes.

Six Marmot Policy Objectives	Health and Wellbeing Board Shifts
1. Give every child the best start in life	1. Shift resources towards interventions
2. Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives	2. Build and utilise the assets, skills and resources
3. Create fair employment and good work for all	3. Promote and support greater individual self-care and responsibility
4. Ensure healthy standard of living for all	4. Commit to delivering accessible services
5. Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities	5. Make joint working the default option
6. Strengthen the role and impact of ill-health prevention	6. Work to narrow the gap

4. Health and Wellbeing Hosted Event

The Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board has agreed to facilitate a series of 'hosted' events covering a range of topics. The first 'hosted' event took place on 13th March, with a focus on implementing the Marmot recommendations to address health inequalities in Lancashire. A wide range of partners attended including, members of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Joint Officers Group, District Councils, Lancashire County Council, registered social landlords and chairs of locality Health and Wellbeing Partnerships. A total of approximately 40 people attended. Mike Grady from the Institute of Health Equity gave the keynote speech about aligning strategy and action, and included an update on community budgeting. He also facilitated the event and provided the partners with healthy challenge. Dr Sakthi Karunanithi updated the attendees about progress within Lancashire County Council in developing its strategic approach to implementing the Marmot policy objectives.

The workshop sessions focused on the sphere of influence for individual organisations to improve health outcomes, and also how the different partners could most effectively work together.

5. Developing Partnership Activity and Next Steps

Attendees at the event were subsequently invited to prioritise the actions identified in the workshops that they suggested partners could work together. The key themes for consideration by the Board include:

- To engage with the district council Chief Executives and Leaders on health inequalities agenda; explore how we can communicate this with the public.
- To maximise the opportunities to address health inequalities by identifying specific projects with the registered social landlords.
- Encourage joining up of resources and activities at a neighbourhood level to improve outcomes
- As major employers, commit to provide opportunities for work start and apprenticeships as well as promote workplace health and embed social value principles in our commissioning plans and procurement strategies.
- Develop evidence base and share the learning from developing policies, programmes and activities aimed at reducing health inequalities.

These actions comprise a mixture of activity that has already been initiated (e.g. discussion with Lancashire Leaders) and is on-going, together with new initiatives.

Risk management

The Board is advised that the response to identify future actions was limited, with a total of 12 responses received. The Board is asked to consider whether the actions identified resonate with individual / organisational expectations. If so the actions should be endorsed, or alternatively re-shaped.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
The Marmot Review Fair Society Healthy Lives http://www.instituteofhealthequity.org/projects/fair-society-healthy-lives-the-marmot-review	2010	Clare Platt, Adult Services & Wellbeing, 07876844627

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A