



# Health and Wellbeing Together

## 13 March 2024

<b>Report title</b>	Health and Wellbeing Together Development Session: Summary and Recommendations	
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<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards	
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<b>Report has been considered by</b>	Health and Wellbeing Together Executive	29 January 2024

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### Recommendation for decision:

Health and Wellbeing Together is recommended to:

1. Endorse the Health and Wellbeing Together Development Session recommendations as set out in 3.1.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 Wolverhampton's Health and Wellbeing Board, known locally as Health and Wellbeing Together (HWBT), held an externally facilitated board development session on 13 September 2023. HWBT is asked to receive the discussion findings and endorse the recommendations for future action.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave Health and Wellbeing Boards a range of statutory powers, including the duty to agree and publish a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS). These statutory duties have not changed following the introduction of the Health and Care Act 2022, which established Integrated Care Systems with their own statutory responsibilities.
- 2.2 Wolverhampton's Health and Wellbeing Board, known locally as Health and Wellbeing Together (HWBT), has recently updated its JSNA and JLHWS to reflect the changes to the health and social care landscape. An externally facilitated board development session took place on 13 September 2023 to:
- a. Develop how the board works, maximising contributions and impact.
  - b. Facilitate a clear understanding of the board's role, sharing perspectives and ideas.
  - c. Enable strong and effective working relationships.

## **3.0 Recommendations**

- 3.1 Appendix 1 presents the thematic discussion points captured during the development session and concludes with the following recommendations for the Board to endorse:
1. Board delivery plan: to develop and implement a board delivery plan to drive the JLHWS, monitoring and evidencing impact and capitalising on the role of OneWolverhampton as primary delivery vehicle. It is proposed that the plan will inform future agenda items and be kept under annual review, supported by thematic highlight reporting.
  2. Spotlights: to extend board meetings to 2/ ½ hours to allow time for thematic 'what's new in the JSNA' spotlights to be added to the agenda as a standing item. This is to support the board in its role to identify the current and future health and care needs of the local population and build a robust evidence base of local needs and local assets.
  3. Community voice: utilise the OneWolverhampton Health Inequalities Transformation Group to explore how community voice and lived experience insights can be better utilised to inform board discussion and associated decision making.

4. Governance and leadership: keep the board's terms of reference under review as part of ongoing work to clarify and strengthen wider governance relationships, including review of the Children and Families Together Board.

#### **4.0 Financial implications**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications as funding for activity will be met from existing budgets.  
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#### **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards have a duty to publish and implement at Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) for their locality in line with the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and subsequent national guidance. The report recommendations will support implementation of Wolverhampton's JLHWS for 2023-2028.  
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#### **6.0 Equalities implications**

- 6.1 The Board has adopted a set of guiding principles to support a joined-up approach to tackling health inequalities. The report recommendations will support partnership activity to address health inequalities in Wolverhampton.

#### **7.0 Health and Wellbeing**

- 7.1 Health and Wellbeing Together is the forum where key leaders from the health and care system come together to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community, work towards reducing health inequalities and support the development of improved and joined up health and social care services. The paper sets out recommendations to support the board in carrying out its key functions and evidence impact.

#### **8.0 Appendices**

- 8.1 Appendix 1: Health and Wellbeing Together Development Session: 13 September 2023. Summary and recommendations.