

## Health and Wellbeing Board- development session October 2018

### Plans for the Board 2018/9

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) held a development session to consider its role for the coming year, and to reframe its position in relation to other health-related decision-making committees in Hackney. The discussion was supported by an [information pack](#) including headline demographics, an outline of the Board's formal role, and progress made against the [joint health and wellbeing strategy](#).

#### Principle roles that the Board would like to develop include:

- An evaluative oversight and leadership role that tracks the success of major programmes against their stated aims (e.g the move to Neighbourhoods model), including proxy measures for long-term changes. This was described as 'how the Board shifts the system', and could include the development of a dashboard that is used to oversee measures against agreed indicators of progress
- Developing ways to draw ideas for improvement from residents and frontline staff through their organisations to a strategic level
- Streamlining the aims of all the organisations represented by the Board, rather than creating new priorities

#### Areas to develop included

- How to continue to embed the social determinants of health into local decision-making (aiming to become a 'Marmot borough' by adopting [these](#) policy objectives)
- How to set the 'local tone' for talking about health and wellbeing, focused on things that work well and should be celebrated, not just on problems or issues that need to be stopped or reduced
- Linked to this, reviewing the role and opportunity of social capital (defined and expanded on [here](#)) in tackling local societal issues, such as denormalising risky drinking behaviours
- How to enhance the relationship between staff in health/public services and residents, including workforce health, [making every contact count](#), and establishing 'pledges' between the two groups

These could be implemented through Board discussions about practical changes that can be made within individual organisations, with members taking these away and reporting back at later meetings.

#### Practical steps to take included

- Inviting a Housing representative to join the Board.
- Ensuring that public papers are produced using Plain English
- Providing training from the [Hackney Dementia Action Alliance](#) to all Board members