

Title of Report	Hackney HWB strategy update
For Consideration By	Health and Wellbeing Board
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Classification	Open
Ward(s) Affected	All wards
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Is this report for:

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Why is the report being brought to the Board?

For an update on the progress on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan

To seek approval from HWB members on current plans for the focus areas

Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council or other stakeholders?

None

1. **Background**

Hackney Health and Wellbeing Board have been developing the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy since November 2020. Every local Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has a duty to produce a Health and Wellbeing Strategy. A Health and Wellbeing Strategy outlines key health and wellbeing priority areas for HWB partners to take joint action on, in each local authority area.

Hackney Health and Wellbeing Board have agreed that the overall aim of this strategy is to reduce health inequalities, focusing on three priorities: improving mental health, increasing social connections and supporting greater financial security. The Strategy was signed off at the 23 March Board meeting, and work started to develop the action plan in July 2022. Since November 2022, this work has been led by the Population Health Hub

Summary of update - November 2022

The Board was last presented with an update in November 2022. At this meeting the following approach was agreed:

Improving mental health

To work with existing and future strategic plans to ensure that the explicit focus of the HWB strategy of improving health and reducing health inequalities (and the themes identified from work with residents and stakeholders) are reflected in these. The Board recommended a focus on mental wellbeing and mental health promotion in addition to increasing access to acute and community mental health services.

Increasing social connections

To identify social connection leads from HWB partnership organisations to work together to finalise the [draft social connection action plan](#), presented in the November 2022 paper, and to contribute to, track progress and oversee action on this.

Supporting greater financial security

To build on the work of the London Borough of Hackney poverty reduction framework to support development of a system-wide action plan on managing the cost of living crisis and increasing financial security, again ensuring the explicit focus of the HWB strategy of improving health and reducing health inequalities is reflected in this plan.

The board agreed the following:-:

- The approach to improving mental health and increasing financial security
- HWB member organisations to appoint social connection leads to support finalisation of a social connection action plan, with comments around considering the work of VCS organisations, measurement of social connection and the impact of this action plan.

A request was also made from Mayor Glanville for a fuller explanation of the Population Health Hub - this is scheduled for the next meeting of the HWB.

Update - March 2023

1. Improving mental health

Since the last update, The North East London Health and Care Partnership has released their Interim Integrated Care strategy, which includes mental health as one of four system priorities. This strategy complements other current key strategic documents:

- The C&H Place Based Partnership integrated delivery plan, which contains *Improving mental health and preventing mental ill-health* as a strategic priority with the following transformation areas:
 - Serious mental illness
 - Common mental health problems
 - CAMHS
 - Dementia
 - Learning disability and autism
 - Crisis pathway
- The C&H joint mental health strategy 2019-2023

There is also work underway on the scoping of a Mental Health needs assessment which will form part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

This needs assessment provides the ideal opportunity to draw together the priorities identified in the documents above, integrate current data and insights (including from resident peer research), and formulate a set of actions to address the needs of our community and reduce mental health inequalities.

We propose writing these findings into a strategic action plan that will:

- Reflect the explicit focus of the HWB Strategy of improving health and reducing health inequalities
- Engage with the themes identified from residents and stakeholders
- Contribute to tackling existing system level priorities.

The HWB priorities will also be fed in - including mental wellbeing and promotion, particularly during the Cost of Living Crisis, as well as increasing access to acute and community services.

As part of the MH needs assessment, we propose to include a description of the current strategic landscape, plus a gap and SWOT¹ analysis.

We also propose that the Mental Health Integration Committee, which meets monthly and consists of stakeholders from across the system, will be tasked with oversight of this strategic action plan. The Population Health Hub will be invited to this committee going forward.

2. Increasing social connection

¹ SWOT = strengths, weakness, opportunities, threats

Following the proposal at the HWB meeting in November, Councillor Kennedy sent an email inviting organisations to nominate their social connection champions in mid January. The Population Health Hub have followed up to ensure that each organisation completes this process.

[Terms of reference](#) have been drafted for the group (Appendix 1) and the first meeting date has been set for end March. Meetings are planned on a bi-monthly basis. Councillor Kennedy will co-chair the group with Joia de Sa, Consultant in Public Health and co-lead of the Population Health Hub.

To ensure greater reach across London Borough of Hackney and council services, a session will be conducted through the Senior Manager's Network. We are also considering how to increase the reach across health and care organisations.

3. *Supporting greater financial security*

A system wide group has been established, meeting monthly – to ensure we have an aligned, cross-organisation response to the cost of living crisis. The Population Health Hub supports the administration of the meeting, and attends as a member to ensure that we are using all the available insight (including that collected as part of the resident peer research) to identify effective interventions to improve the financial security of residents, and reduce inequalities in this.

The group has collated a programme overview summarising all the action to try to mitigate the impact of the cost of living crisis. This includes training for frontline teams; increasing financial security for households e.g. Household Support Fund, fuel vouchers, income maximisation; supporting VCS organisations. The group is also finalising processes to collect insight across partners to ensure that we know about all groups who are at high risk of financial issues. Other developments include supporting a place based delivery network including food partners, warm hubs and support community partners to meet people's immediate material needs and offer more preventative help.

The purpose of this paper is to update the HWB on progress. No points for decision are raised.

1.1. Policy Context:

Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities this report relates to?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving mental health
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increasing social connection
<input type="checkbox"/>	Supporting greater financial security
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All of the above

Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy Ways of Working this report relates to?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Strengthening our communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Creating, supporting and working with volunteer and peer roles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Collaborations and partnerships: including at a neighbourhood level
<input type="checkbox"/>	Making the best of community resources
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	All of the above

1.2. Equality Impact Assessment

Sole purpose of projects is to give full consideration to impact on equalities.

1.3. Consultation

Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?

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Have the relevant members/ organisations and officers been consulted on the recommendations in this report

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1.4. Risk Assessment

To be confirmed - as plans progress

1.5. Sustainability

To be confirmed - as plans progress

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Appendices	TOR for social connection leads group