

## Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Subject: Merton Local Health and Care Plan**

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### **Recommendations:**

A. To note the refreshed local health and care plan in Merton.

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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1. To provide an overview of the Merton Local Health and Care Plan, outlining the key priorities and our approach to collaborative working.

## **2 DETAILS**

2.1. The Local Health and Care (LCHP) plan identifies health issues (through existing programmes and initiatives) which require health, social care and the voluntary and community sector to work in partnership to improve the health and wellbeing of residents, particularly addressing inequalities.

2.2. The LHCP is one element of work being undertaken by health, social care and community partners in Merton and across South West London to improve health and wellbeing. The priorities identified are focused on the areas where, over the next two years (2022-24) the greatest impact can be made by working collectively to prevent ill health, keep people well and support them to stay independent.

## **3 SUMMARY OF THE PLAN**

3.1. The Health and Care Plan 2022-2024 is focused on achieving the vision 'Working together to reduce inequalities and provide truly joined up health and care services with and for all people in Merton, so they start, live and age well in a healthy place'

3.2. In 'Start well' the plan aims to develop partnership projects that are focused on improving how children and young people access health and wellbeing services, improving the integration of children's community services and a renewed focus on mental health and wellbeing.

3.3. In 'Live Well' the plan aims to develop partnership projects to improve how people access health and wellbeing services through exploring new and innovative approaches. For example, Health on the high street and expanding community led health initiatives. The focus is to take a renewed focus on prevention and improve access to and into primary care.

3.4. In 'Age Well' the plan aims to develop partnership projects to improve integration to provide timely and joined up care for residents, to focus on frailty and support people to access and reengage with services and community support post covid.

3.5. Across all our work we aim to:

- (i) Reduce health inequalities and embed equity.
- (ii) Use a population health management approach to drive change.
- (iii) Focus on sustainability and making Merton a healthy place.
- (iv) Engage with service users, patients and communities so all work is developed with and by people in Merton.

3.6. The LHCP will remain dynamic, ensuring emerging priorities can be incorporated as required.

3.7. The priorities in the Local health and care plan will be implemented collaboratively through the Merton Health and Care Board. The Board has strong representation from partners across the Merton system and has a strong history of collaborative working.

3.8. This plan is informed by the experience of a previous LHCP that was developed in 2018 and expired in April 2021.

3.9. The plan was developed collaboratively and is informed by:

- (i) the updated Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2021 ensuring that the plan is evidenced based and responding to the needs of residents.
- (ii) Review and progress made on the previous plan objectives and progress made by the Merton Health and Care Together partnership.
- (iii) Engagement with wide range of partners and stakeholders; health and care professionals, voluntary and community leaders and service users, carers and their families to ensure that the plan reflects the key health and wellbeing priorities. Engagement followed a process of reminding people what was in the original local health and care plan 2019-2021 including what had been delivered; reviewing the impact of Covid-19, and refreshing the future direction for Merton based upon collective feedback and the data.
- (iv) Existing strategies and policy directives, such as the national white paper on integration, the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in Merton and Merton 2030 ambitions.

#### **4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

Not applicable at this time.

#### **5 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

5.1. In line with point in 3.9 (iii)

#### **6 TIMETABLE**

6.1. The plan was endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board at their meeting in March 2022. The plan is now being implemented through the Merton Health and Care Together Partnership overseen by Merton Place Committee.

## **7 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

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## **8 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

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## **9 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

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## **10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

10.1.

## **11 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1.

## **12 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

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## **13 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

13.1. Merton Local Health and Care Plan full document attached.

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