

Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy - next steps

Background

Based on the discussions at the Board meeting in March, there is consensus that the Tower Hamlets Health and Wellbeing Strategy should be 'a strategy with a small number of core, widely owned, accountable objectives, but that is adaptive and responds to feedback'.

The Board also agreed five areas of focus for transformation based on the following criteria:

1. Transformation will have significant positive impact
 - a. The area is considered to be an important health and wellbeing issue with regard to the size of the problem, inequalities issues and/or cost
 - b. There is good evidence for intervention (or credible potential to build evidence)
2. The area matters to Tower Hamlets citizens
3. System change is feasible
4. There is collective will to achieve the change

Through previous workshops, the Board arrived at the transformational areas (as below) and the task is now to identify what aspects of these areas the Health and Wellbeing Board needs to focus on and where the Board can use its levers to make the difference.

In order to take this forward, Board members have been allocated to each transformational areas as follows:

- Addressing the health impacts of deprivation
 - Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs, Lead Member for Health and Adults Services
 - Will Tuckley, Chief Executive LBTH
 - Somen Banerjee, Director of Public Health LBTH
 - Ian Basnett, Public Health Director, Barts Health
 - Officer support:
 - Kevin Kewin (Strategy and Performance)
- Helping communities lead change around health

- John Gillespie, THCVS
- Dianne Barham, Healthwatch
- Officer support:
 - Emily Fieran Reed (Strategy and Performance, LBTH)
 - Ellie Hobart (THCCG - Corporate Affairs)
 - Susie Chrome (Public Health - Localities, Adults, LBTH)
 - Sade Johnson (CLC - Localities)

- Healthy Place
 - Cllr David Edgar, Lead Member for Resources
 - Shazia Hussain, CLC
 - Somen Banerjee, Director of Public Health, LBTH
 - Officer support:
 - Owen Whalley (Planning and Building Control, D&R, LBTH)
 - Esther Trenchard-Mabere/Tim Madelin (Public Health, Adults Directorate, LBTH)

- Tackling Childhood Obesity
 - Cllr Rachael Saunders, Lead Member Education and Children's Services
 - Sam Everington, Tower Hamlets CCG Governing Body (Chair)
 - Debbie Jones, Corporate Director, Children's Services
 - Officer support:
 - Esther Trenchard-Mabere (Public Health, Adults Directorate, LBTH)

- Developing a truly integrated system to support health
 - Cllr Amy Whitelock Gibbs, Lead Member Health
 - Denise Radley, Corporate Director Adults, LBTH
 - Jane Milligan, Chief Officer, Tower Hamlets CCG
 - Officer support:
 - Chris Lovitt (Public Health, Adults Directorate, LBTH)
 - Karen Sugars (Commissioning and Health, Adults Directorate, LBTH)
 - Simon Hall (Commissioning, Tower Hamlets CCG)

At the meeting, Board members have been asked to present back a powerpoint presentation addressing the following seven questions around transformational area:

The seven questions for each transformational area are:

1. Why is this important issue for health and wellbeing in Tower Hamlets?
2. What is currently being done to improve outcomes?
3. Where would we like to be in 3 years (vision statement)?
4. Within this area, what does the Board need to focus on?
5. What are the top areas of action the Board needs to focus on over the next 12 months to drive transformational change (max 2) and why?
6. What is required to make this happen?

7. What are the top indicators that the board needs to track (max 3)

It has been for Board members to decide how they would best like to do this and who they would like to involve. Given the experience and knowledge of those involved detailed information or reading material was not provided but it was for Board members to request resources as needed from support officers as appropriate.

In addition, discussions at the workshops have identified the need to develop a shared understanding and framework for the terms 'health' and 'wellbeing' as applied to the strategy. This has been explored through an open workshop led by the Director of Public Health.

Board members will present at the meeting and there will be a discussion on whether the priorities identified are the right areas of focus for the strategy. This will provide the basis for the draft of the strategy that will come to the next Board meeting.