

4 October 2017**Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF COUNCILLOR JOHN DODDY – CHAIR OF THE
NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD****UPDATE ON THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE INTEGRATED HOUSING AND HEALTH
COMMISSIONING GROUP DELIVERY PLAN AND HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT THEME
OF THE STP****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides an update to the Health and Wellbeing Board of a previous paper, dated June 2016, of activity by the Nottinghamshire Health and Housing Commissioning Group and seeks comment regarding progress and next steps.
2. The report provides an overview of progress on the Housing and Environment theme of the STP and seeks comment.
3. The report presents the draft Memorandum of Understanding between health, social care and housing and seeks comment and endorsement prior to publication.
4. The report seeks consideration and support by the Health and Wellbeing Board for officers to seek to identify funding opportunities to extend the seconded post of Public Health Commissioning manager (Health and Housing)

Information and Advice

5. The previous report to the Health and Wellbeing Board in June 2016 provided an overview of activity of the Nottinghamshire Health and Housing Commissioning Group. The key recommendations were that:
 - An update report would be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board during 2017
 - A Memorandum of Understanding between health, housing and social care would be drafted and presented to the Board
6. The case for more effective integration and joint working between health, social care and housing is clear. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy seeks to address the need for “sufficient and suitable housing, including housing related support, particularly for vulnerable people”.

7. Specifically, the emerging Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2022, suggests a number of key partnership actions relating to effective and integrated working across health, social care and housing. These include:
- Working with Districts to maximise homes which are accessible
 - Promoting a campaign around fuel switching to reduce fuel poverty
 - Promote work on Warm Homes on Prescription to health partners and offer support in linking in with frontline health staff and NHS staff who undertake home visits
 - Supporting work to improve housing standards in the Private Rented Sector
 - Encouraging and supporting effective integrated working across health; social care and housing, including supporting a memorandum of understanding across the three sectors to make a commitment to more integrated working
 - Supporting the exploration of opportunities to integrate housing support services to provide a more integrated offer for Nottinghamshire residents
8. Housing in its broadest sense has a key role to play to support the delivery of a number of the Strategy's priorities. This is primarily due to the daily contact housing providers have with residents, tenants and their families across the County covering a range of issues beyond the traditional housing management and enforcement functions.
9. As identified in the previous report to the Health and Wellbeing Board, the priorities which housing can positively impact upon are significant on both physical and mental health and wellbeing.
10. Housing activity relating to health over the past 12 months includes:-
- Supporting the inclusion and delivery of a specific Housing and Environment supporting chapter within the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham STP. The specific themes in the Housing and Environment chapter specifically relating to housing are:
 - a. The development of a common hospital discharge scheme across the STP footprint that supports residents with housing needs to housing and housing support in a safe and timely manner. Latest NHS figures show that nationally, there were over 181,000 delayed days in hospital in July 2017, of which 1,719 related to Nottinghamshire (not including Nottingham City) residents. Delays are due to a number of reasons of which the lack of appropriate housing and housing support is a key element
 - b. Building on the Nottinghamshire Warm Homes on Prescription scheme by targeting vulnerable individuals through providing home energy assessments, advice, information and support
 - Successfully bidding to the NHS Pioneer Fund to enable the secondment of a Public Health Commissioning Manager (Health and Housing) for 1 year to bolster and progress work to integrate housing, health and social care.
 - Developing Better Care Funded projects, such as Assistive Technology; Disabled Facilities Grants and handypersons services to minimise the pressure on acute services and improve outcomes for residents. These services are governed by the Better Care Fund project board

- Supporting the development of the Nottinghamshire Assistive Technology Strategy through the work of the STP and the refresh of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Bolstering representation of housing to seek to influence discussion regarding health and social care integration to recognise the need to ensure strong linkages with housing and housing support.
- Strengthening appropriate representation and linkages to wider fora from Social Care; Health and Housing partners. The previous meeting in July was attended by over 40 representatives from a range of partners and provided opportunity for discussion on a range of key areas

Sustainability and Transformation Plan

11. The Health and Wellbeing Board Strategic Action Plan recognises the important contribution of housing, stating the need to *“extend integrated working to include housing so that support for vulnerable people is assessed collectively and delivered by the most appropriate agency. Housing also has a wider role to play in effectively contributing to improved outcomes and reducing pressures on acute services”*
12. The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan further recognises the important role of housing by being the only STP in the country to include a specific chapter covering housing and the environment. This approach has been widely endorsed nationally by organisations such as The Kings Fund.
13. Specifically, the STP states that it is critical that our citizens, particularly those with complex needs, have suitable accommodation that keeps them safe and secure. We will work with our partners to establish clear housing standards and to offer suitable housing while improving engagement of the housing workforce on health issues. We will also use the collaboration made possible by our broader focus to support health and wellbeing by considering, for example, the built environment, leisure and open spaces, as well as co-ordinating the use of regulation to improve health outcomes, such as licensing and air quality.
14. The Housing and Environment supporting theme of the STP commits to a range of measures to contribute to improving the health and quality of life of residents including improving private sector housing; supporting residents to live independently; provide greater options to ensure healthy choices in fast food takeaways; seeking to ensure that the planning system takes account of health needs through the provision of open spaces; improving air quality and reducing fuel poverty and excess winter deaths and also seeks to contribute to system wide savings through a focus on prevention.
15. The particular focus over the initial two year periods is as follows:
 - Improving collaboration with health and social care colleagues to improve hospital discharge processes, building upon existing successful hospital discharge services such as the ASSIST scheme operated through Kings Mill Hospital and the Hospital to Home Scheme which currently operates in Nottingham City
 - Further developing the Warm Homes on Prescription service which targets measures on vulnerable households to reduce fuel poverty and improve the housing condition

16. A Housing and Environment steering group of the STP has been established and meets up to 6 times per year to review progress and reports progress through the STP governance structure. Presently further work is being progressed to get clarity over the resources and funding available through the STP to sustain the two key projects of the Housing and Environment chapter and along with ensuring buy in from the key health representatives.

NHS Pioneer Fund

17. The previous report recognised that it would be helpful to have a dedicated resource to assist in driving forward activity to better integrate health and housing. A bid was successfully submitted to the NHS Pioneer Fund to enable a secondment into the County Public Health Team to achieve this. The secondment commenced in April 2017 on a part time basis until April 2018, with a key focus of the post being to support and enable integration between health; housing and social care including through the STP and Nottinghamshire Housing and Health Commissioning Group. Already, through this post there has been significant progression in engagement between housing, health and social care to support key activities including those already detailed through the STP. However, it should be noted that provisions to sustain the facilitation of increased engagement are currently not in place after the secondment comes to an end in April 2018.
18. As the post is only for one year there is concern that the positive work being progressed to embed housing roles within the health and social care environment, identifying how collaboration and partnership working can deliver efficiencies and produce better health outcomes for Nottinghamshire residents, will cease. In this respect views from the Board are sought on the options available to sustain this role beyond its current one year duration and to consider the funding opportunities available.

Health and Housing Commissioning Group

19. In recognition of the significant role that housing and housing related support plays in improving health related outcomes and reducing demands on acute services such as those provided by the NHS and Social Care, the Nottinghamshire Housing and Health Commissioning Group was formed in 2014. The group is currently chaired by Rob Main, Business Manager – Strategic Housing at Newark and Sherwood DC. The aim of the group is to drive forward an integrated health, social care and housing agenda in line with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Housing Delivery Plan. The Group is accountable to the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board via the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Implementation Group.

Housing Delivery Plan

20. The seven Districts have developed a Nottinghamshire Housing Delivery Plan which details key actions based around the four themes identified in the document '*An assessment of the Impact of Housing on Health and Wellbeing in Nottinghamshire, November 2013*'. This can be viewed at <http://www.nottinghaminsight.org.uk/d/112956>.
21. Whilst the action plan is a live document and is currently being updated to ensure it is reflective of current key challenges and opportunities, the 4 themes remain constant:

- **Poor housing conditions** – particularly the impact of falls in the home, cold and damp homes and fuel poverty, fire in the home and inadequate home security.
- **Insufficient suitable housing** – including the impact of overcrowding and lack of housing that enables people e.g. older or disabled people, to live independently.
- **Homelessness and housing support** – including the impact of homelessness on families and other crisis that may result in the loss of a home and an individual's ability to live independently.
- **Children and young people** – ensuring they have the best home in which to start and develop well.

Memorandum of Understanding

22. In December 2014, a range of health, housing and Social Care national organisations signed up to a joint Memorandum of Understanding

<http://www.cih.org/resources/PDF/Policy%20free%20download%20pdfs/MOU%20project%20final%20Dec%2014.pdf>

which recognised the need for joint action and a shared commitment to improve health and wellbeing outcomes to deliver healthy homes, communities and neighbourhoods and to deliver integrated and effective services that meet individuals', their carer's and their family's needs. At a local level, Nottingham City Council has been the first local authority in the country to develop a local Memorandum of Understanding between housing, social care and health.

23. The attached draft Nottinghamshire Memorandum of Understanding provides for a basis of local commitment to integrated working across health, social care and housing partners in Nottinghamshire in order to improve outcomes for our residents and is being presented to the Board for comment and endorsement.

24. In reviewing the draft Nottinghamshire Memorandum of Understanding the Board should note that in terms of social care a fundamental component of the Care Act is the 'suitability of accommodation' in meeting the at home care and support needs of older and vulnerable people, emphasising the need for local integration to improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of Nottinghamshire's residents.

Better Care Fund

25. The Better Care Fund provides opportunities for greater integrated working to reduce the pressure on acute services and improve outcomes for individuals by promoting independence. For example, recent increases in the total DFG funding and opportunities to utilise this funding more flexibly to promote independent living provide significant opportunities for more joined up work between health and housing. The Health and Housing Implementation Group supports the Health and Wellbeing Board in identifying and recommending the appropriate utilisation of this funding in order to improve outcomes for individuals across Nottinghamshire. Work is also currently taking place in order to bolster the effective evaluation of DFG fund related projects to better understand impacts.

Other Options Considered

26. Other options include:

- Do nothing – the contribution of housing and housing support is recognised as being essential in improving effective services across Nottinghamshire with regard to improving outcomes and reducing demands on health and social care services. Engagement with the Health and Wellbeing Board is essential in helping to drive this activity across Nottinghamshire.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

27. An update report and presentation of the draft Memorandum of Understanding was requested by the Health and Wellbeing Board at the previous presentation in June 2016.
28. To ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board has full oversight of activity relating to health and housing in Nottinghamshire.

Statutory and Policy Implications

29. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- 1) Comment on the update of housing activity and make suggestions relating to next steps
- 2) Make comment on and endorse the Memorandum of Understanding, with members of the HWB committing to be a signatory to the final document
- 3) Consider and support officers to seek opportunities to identify funding to extend the secondment of Public Health Commissioning Manager (Health and Housing)
- 4) To receive an update on housing and health related activity in Spring 2018

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Constitutional Comments (LMC 22/09/17))

30. The Health and Well Being Board is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report. If Committee resolves that any actions are required it must be satisfied that such actions are within the Committee's terms of reference.

Financial Comments (DG 21/09/17)

31. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Nottinghamshire Draft Memorandum of Understanding

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

See Chair's Report items:

- 4. Mansfield Private Sector Housing pilots
- 20. Housing our ageing population
- 21. Case study: Lightbulb Project
- 24. Are we nearly there yet? Enabling people with dementia to remain at home: a housing perspective.