



13 September 2023

Agenda Item 4

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

CHAIR'S REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The report provides an update by the Chair on local and national issues for consideration by Health & Wellbeing Board members to determine implications for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2022 – 2026.

Information

LOCAL

Create Healthy and Sustainable Places

[Nottinghamshire County Council champions expansion of water fluoridation schemes](#)

2. Water fluoridation, a scientifically proven method of adding small amounts of fluoride to drinking water, is a key player in the fight against tooth decay. Already, 30% of Nottinghamshire residents, around 247,000 people, are reaping the benefits of this public health measure.
3. Nottinghamshire County Council is now setting its sights on exploring extending these benefits to other areas of the County. This could generate a 35% reduction in decayed, missing and filled teeth in five-year-old children, a 56% decrease in hospital admissions for tooth extractions in children from the most deprived areas, and a return of £12.71 after five years and £21.98 after ten years for every £1 invested in fluoridation.
4. Councillor Dr John Doddy, Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing board, proposed the approved motion to champion the oral health agenda at full council in July, stating it is a health inequality that is completely preventable and key to achieving better health outcomes for residents in Nottinghamshire and delivering the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Access Right Support to Improve Health

[Toothbrushing packs to be given to vulnerable people and families](#)

5. Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council have secured £100,000 of ring-fenced funding from NHS England to buy and distribute toothbrushing packs to foodbanks and other organisations in the community, who provide support for vulnerable people and families. The participating organisations help vulnerable and deprived communities who can be most at risk of experiencing poor oral health. The packs are being distributed to help enable people

who are currently unable to purchase these supplies, to brush their teeth by the recommended two times a day. In the city the distribution of oral health products is being co-ordinated by the Hygiene Bank, while participating organisations in the county will either receive a delivery or collect directly from Bunzl Cleaning & Hygiene Supplies. In addition to this summer distribution, a further allocation of oral health products is due to take place later in the year.

[Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Joint Forward Plan](#)

6. Local partners have developed a [NHS Joint Forward Plan](#) to improve health and care outcomes and experiences for local people (2023 – 2027). This document is supported with an [Executive Summary](#) and a [public facing document](#).
7. There has been engagement across all teams in the development of the Plan as well as with local people and our wider ICS family. ICS colleagues from across the partnership have continued to work together over the last few weeks to mature thinking and reflect the feedback from our diverse partners. The plan sets out the NHS's contribution to delivery of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Strategy and embeds the principles of prevention, equity and integration, as well as outlining how NHS core services will be recovered and made sustainable following the pandemic.
8. This was endorsed by the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board on 5 July 2023 and approved by the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire NHS Integrated Care Board on 13 July 2023.

[£76 million Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund launched](#)

9. Government has announced the launch of the Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund. This is part of a package of over £100 million for charities and community organisations as set out in the 2023 Spring Budget, to support charities and community organisations in England at the frontline of dealing with the cost of living impacts.
10. Delivered in partnership with The National Lottery Community Fund, the Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund (CCLF) will support organisations across England to deliver critical frontline services. Organisations will be able to apply for funding to maintain or expand critical cost of living services from now until the end of March 2024.
11. The main priority is to fund organisations supporting low-income households and individuals and can apply for between £10,000 and £75,000. To apply your organisation must already run critical services around at least one of the following:
 - food and emergency supplies – like food and baby banks or the provision of hot meals, clothes or toiletries
 - emergency shelter – like night shelters or other accommodation for people experiencing homelessness
 - safe spaces – like domestic abuse services and youth services
 - warmth – like warm rooms and spaces
 - financial and housing advice – like giving people advice because of the increased cost of living.
12. The deadline for applications is 16 October 2023, with funding starting in October 2023, and finish in January 2024. To find out more please visit this website:

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/community-organisations-cost-of-living-fund#section-4>

Give every child the best chance of maximising their potential

[£9.2m investment for Nottinghamshire schools](#)

13. The latest programme of school infrastructure improvements worth £9.2m has been unveiled by Nottinghamshire County Council. The investment is part of the council's school building improvement work for 2023/4, which will be designed and delivered by Arc Partnership, a joint venture between the council and SCAPE. Twenty primary and infant schools will benefit from a range of improvements, dependent on the needs for each school. The works will include roof replacements, drainage improvements as well as energy-efficient lighting and boiler upgrades.

Keep our Communities Safe & Healthy

[Domestic Abuse shown the Red Card in Nottinghamshire](#)

14. Football stars of the future are being educated on domestic abuse and healthy relationships thanks to specialist pilot sessions in Nottinghamshire. Broxtowe Women's Project, in partnership with the Nottinghamshire Football Association and Nottinghamshire Police, are raising awareness and increasing understanding of the subject matters by delivering specialist sessions within community football clubs. More than 2,000 grassroots clubs in the county are talking tactics while benefitting from a unique programme which focuses on educating the local community when it comes to understanding, identifying, preventing, and speaking out about domestic abuse, combined with the promotion and improvement of physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing.
15. The work comes after the project was awarded £10,000 as part of the Make Notts Safe Thematic Grant Funding from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire. This Thematic Grant provides multi-year funding for third sector community-based organisations to enable local delivery against the Make Notts Safe Plan's strategic priorities – Communities, Rural Crime, Hate Crime, Youth Diversion and Hidden Harm.

NATIONAL

Food

[Fit for the Future: A Fair Deal on Food for a Healthier Britain.](#)

16. The 'Future of Britain' initiative, led by Jamie Oliver and the Tony Blair Institute, proposes a policy agenda for innovation and invention, focusing on transforming the food system to tackle childhood obesity and promote a healthier, more prosperous UK. It calls for free school meals, food education, and protection from unhealthy products, creating a healthier commercial food environment.

Alcohol

[Pouring over public opinion: alcohol policies in the UK.](#)

17. This report by Alcohol Health Alliance provides an overview on the pressing alcohol problem in the UK. It highlights the high number of daily deaths and increasing costs associated with alcohol, exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic. In the report the AHA proposes comprehensive policies in four key areas to address alcohol harm. It explores public support for alcohol policies such as alcohol labelling and safeguarding government policy from industry influence.

Homelessness & Housing

[Statutory homelessness in England: January to March 2023.](#)

18. Official statistics on statutory homelessness applications, duties, and outcomes for local authorities in England. This release provides information on statutory homelessness applications, duties, and outcomes for local authorities in England. It also reports on households in temporary accommodation. A summary of local authority performance on statutory homelessness measures can be explored using the performance dashboard: January to March 2023.

Health Inequalities

[Special report: charting the rise in ADHD prescribing](#)

19. Despite a rise in people receiving treatment for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in England, particularly adults, data show the condition continues to be significantly underdiagnosed.

20. The number of people in England obtaining central nervous system (CNS) stimulants and medicines for ADHD on the NHS has more than doubled to 233,000 over the past eight years, particularly accelerating over the past two years. The number of prescription items dispensed has increased in line with the number of patients.

21. Using prevalence data, ADHD UK has estimated that around 2.2 million people have ADHD in England. Not all people diagnosed with ADHD choose to receive medicines since many can function without them. However, researchers estimate that around 58% of people with ADHD are treated with medicines. If this is applied to the England prevalence figure, we would expect to see 1.3 million people receiving ADHD medicines, as opposed to the 233,000 who did so in 2022/2023, suggesting that more than 80% of people, who might consider taking ADHD medicines, remain undiagnosed.

[Consultation on Disability Action Plan 2023 to 2024](#)

22. This consultation is aimed at anyone with an interest in the action the government will take during 2023 and 2024 to improve the lives of disabled people. Disabled people and disabled people's organisations may be particularly interested but anyone, including any organisations or individuals, may respond. The consultation closes on 6 October 2023.

[Access to healthcare for people seeking asylum: toolkit for primary care commissioners and providers.](#)

23. Recommendations and support for ICBs and primary care commissioners in supporting access to initial health assessment and primary care for people in Home Office asylum accommodation.

Papers to other local committees

24. [Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board Report on Progress against 2022 – 2023 Strategic Priorities](#)
Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee
12 June 2023
25. [Child Poverty – Free School Meals](#)
Children and Families Select Committee
19 June 2023
26. [Delivery of Diabetes Care in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire](#)
Health Scrutiny Committee
20 June 2023

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System

27. [Board papers](#)
Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board
13 July 2023

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner

28. [Newsletter](#)
June 2023
29. [Newsletter](#)
July 2023

Other Options Considered

30. There is the option to not provide the Chair's Report, however, this option was discounted as the Chair's Report provides important updates relating to the delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Nottinghamshire.

Reasons for Recommendation

31. To identify potential opportunities to improve health and wellbeing in Nottinghamshire.

Statutory and Policy Implications

32. This report has been compiled after consideration of the implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public-sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment

and, where such implications are material, they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

33. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked:

- 1) To consider the Chair's Report and its implications for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-26.
- 2) To establish any actions required by the Health and Wellbeing Board in relation to the various issues outlined in the Chair's Report.

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Chair of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Constitutional Comments (SF 30/08/2023)

34. This report falls within the remit of the Board for consideration as set out in the Board's Terms of Reference, in particular "14. To discuss all issues considered to be relevant to the overall responsibilities" of the Board (Council's Constitution, Section 7, Part 2, pg 119).

Financial Comments (DG 30/08/2023)

35. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

36. Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All