

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

A Health Inequalities Plan for Oldham

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Purpose of the Report

This report summarises progress on the development of the Health Inequalities Plan for Oldham for discussion with board members and agreement of a final version of the plan to take forward in the borough.

Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board

Board members are asked to:

- Offer any final feedback or comments on the plan.
- Agree and sign off on the final content of the plan.
- Discuss and agree Health and Wellbeing Board member lead sponsors for each of the themes within the plan.
- Discuss and agree governance arrangement for driving delivery of the plan's actions.
- Agree the timetable for reviewing themes in detail over the next 12 months.

A Health Inequalities Plan for Oldham**1. Background**

In November 2021, Health and Wellbeing Board members discussed the development of a Health Inequalities plan for Oldham and the process for development. Since then, a series of working group meetings have taken place with system partners and a range of engagement has been drawn upon or carried out to form the basis of Health Inequalities Plan. The recommendations from the GM Marmot Build Back Fairer and GM Independent Health Inequalities Commission report were used as a starting point for discussions.

The actions within the plan sit within a number of key themes:

- Income, Poverty, Housing and Debt
- Housing, Transport and Environment
- Work and Unemployment
- Health in all Policies / Communities and Place
- Health and Wellbeing, and Health Services
- Children and young people

Some actions within the plan reflect and build upon existing work within the borough, others will lead to new work being initiated. The intention is to hold the key actions for reducing Health Inequalities in Oldham in one place, allowing progress to be tracked.

It is not intended for the plan to be a static document, with actions being removed when complete, or new ones added where appropriate as the plan develops.

2. The Draft Plan

See appendix 1 for the final draft of the Health Inequalities plan.

The HWB reviewed a draft of this plan on March 22nd 2022. Since then the following key changes have been made:

- Delivery leads and timeframes added where possible.
- Further actions added to Health in All Policies and Health Services themes.
- Wording has been updated slightly to give actions a more positive, asset based focus where appropriate.

3. Governance

It is proposed that for each of the key themes identified above, there is a HWB sponsor who will retain oversight of that aspect of the plan and liaise with delivery partners to help drive progress. The sponsor will offer an update on the actions at each HWB meeting.

Members should discuss who would sponsor each area at the HWB meeting on 21st June 2022, a start has been made in the table below:

Themes	HWB Sponsor
Income, Poverty, Housing and Debt	<i>For discussion</i>
Housing, Transport and Environment	Donna Cezair
Work and Unemployment	<i>For discussion</i>
Health in all Policies / Communities and Place	<i>For discussion</i>
Health and Wellbeing, and Health Services	Katrina Stephens/John Patterson
Children and young people	<i>For discussion</i>

At each HWB meeting there will be an agenda item to review progress on the Health Inequalities Plan as a whole, offering each sponsor a chance to offer brief updates and highlighting any concerns. At each HWB meeting one or two theme areas will be reviewed in more detail.

As the plan has been developed a series of relevant metrics/KPIs have been highlighted. The intention is that the metrics for each theme will be reviewed at the HWB meeting where that theme is reviewed in detail.

At an operational level, governance already exists in the system to drive the individual actions of the plan; it is not intended to develop separate governance to deliver the plan, but to drive delivery through these existing structures.

4. HWB Timelines for Reviewing Plan

For discussion, the table below proposes the order with which key themes within the Health Inequalities Plan will be discussed at HWB meetings:

HWB Meeting Date	Proposed Theme
21 Jun 2022	Review final draft of plan
13 Sep 2022	Health in All Policies / Communities and Place Income, Poverty, Debt
15 Nov 2022	Health and Wellbeing, and Health Services
24 Jan 2023	Housing, Transport and Environment Work and Unemployment
21 Mar 2023	Children and young people

5. Recommendations

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