

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Statement from Health & Wellbeing Board on the health impact of poverty and the cost of living crisis

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Purpose of the Report

At the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 4th October 2022, members of the Board discussed the long standing challenge that poverty presents for health and wellbeing, and the risk that the current cost of living crisis would have a further, and significant, negative impact on health, wellbeing and health inequalities. Board members agreed to produce a public statement outlining these concerns and the additional actions that they would recommend are taken nationally to address both the immediate impacts of the cost of living crisis and the longer term impact of poverty on health and wellbeing and health inequalities. The statement is presented here for discussion and agreement.

Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board

Board members are asked to:

- Discuss and agree the proposed collective statement