

**TITLE** **Strategy into Action**

**FOR CONSIDERATION BY** Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board on Thursday, 11 June 2020

**WARD** None Specific;

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Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority/priorities most progressed through the report	This meets all three priorities in the Wellbeing Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing social isolation and loneliness</li> <li>• Narrowing the health inequalities gap</li> <li>• Creating Physically Active Communities</li> </ul>
Key outcomes achieved against the Strategy priority/priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved physical health of residents</li> <li>• Creating healthy and resilient communities</li> <li>• Support and collaboration of partners</li> <li>• Those most deprived will enjoy more years in good health</li> <li>• Greater access to health promoting resources</li> </ul>

Reason for consideration by Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board	Reviewing progress and considering how well the proposed actions are working
What (if any) public engagement has been carried out?	Public Health has reviewed progress with indicators and actions proposed and liaised with a small group of LA colleagues and the CCG.
State the financial implications of the decision	None

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) To review the proposed actions where indicators have not improved;</li> <li>2) To add short term measures as a way of measuring interim progress including qualitative views from the residents;</li> <li>3) To review actions to reduce inequalities in health as a result of the Pandemic.</li> </ol>
<b>SUMMARY OF REPORT</b>
The strategy was developed in 2018 with three clear priorities to create healthier and resilient communities.

The indicators are mostly based on the PHOF, social care and health indicators that have been measured regularly.

A recent Board report on actions and indicators is included for reference.

There is less information on short-term measures or qualitative feedback on how the actions are progressing.

This report is an overview of progress against some of the key indicators and makes some comments on short and long-term indicators.

There is progress against the levels of inactivity in the Borough but there needs to be some measures as to whether the at risk groups such as those with long term conditions are also reducing inactivity.

There are good long-term social isolation indicators being measured. There does not appear to be much progress, but this is because they are longer-term measures. Some qualitative surveys and short-term indicators may give more information about whether progress is being made in the short term, some are suggested.

Narrowing health inequalities is vast. This strategy focusses on enabling those with mental illness to achieve greater employment opportunities and narrowing the achievement gap of children in the early years with a particular focus on the role of Health Visitors as a team with early years professionals.

Narrowing the achievement gap might benefit from some shorter term measures on the quality of teamwork across professionals in the early years, feedback from parents and carers, and health indicators for children in the care system as a vulnerable group. However, the education gap has narrowed between Looked after children and the rest of children.

As a result of the pandemic, there will be a significant change in mental well-being in the Borough. We do know that those in the lower income areas are suffering more cases and more deaths from COVID -19 and there is a disproportionate effect on those from Black and Ethnic Minority Communities.

The Board needs to consider revised action for reducing inequalities as a result of the pandemic. There is a separate report on the potential health impacts of Covid-19 with suggested indicators.

<b>Partner Implications</b>
N/A

<b>Reasons for considering the report in Part 2</b>
N/A

<b>List of Background Papers</b>
N/A

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