

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE - 10 JULY 2018

Title:

FACTORS AFFECTING HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN WAVERLEY

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Jenny Else

Wards Affected: All

Summary and purpose:

At the September 2017 meeting of the Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee a scrutiny Working Group was set up to review the reasons for the disparity in life expectancy between different areas in Waverley. Much of the evidence supporting the review is contained within the [Community Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny version of this report](#). The report contains information on how the review was carried out, the findings of the Working Group and the recommendations made as a result. The scope for this review can be found in Appendix B within the report.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

This report directly supports the Corporate Priority of Community Wellbeing. The review studied topics such as health services, Waverley's current health profile, housing, planning and lifestyle behaviours which all contribute to the wellbeing of residents.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The Working Group report considers in detail the discrepancy in life expectancy across different groups in the Borough and the potential reasons for this. The equality and diversity implications are considered in the report and in particular the life chances of those residents within different areas of the Borough.

Financial Implications:

The Council's responsibilities for public health are provided by many services therefore budget provision is difficult to identify. By ensuring the health of residents, the public sector can benefit from reduced need for health services provided by the NHS, social care needs from County Council amongst many other benefits. Prevention of health issues and promotion of general public wellbeing can help ensure a more cost effective public health service provision. A small corporate revenue budget of £5,000 has been approved for 2018/19 to enable the health & wellbeing agenda to be pushed forward.

Waverley has received over £600,000 Better Care funding in 2017/18. This funding has been used to enable a number of public health related projects such as the Warm Homes Project and Home Renovation Grants. These projects help enable Waverley residents to stay in their own homes safely with reduced intervention. Currently, no further funding is received by Waverley to support public health services.

Legal Implications:

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (HSCA 2012) provides the legal framework for the Council's duties in respect of its public health functions. The Council has a duty under section 12 of HSCA 2012 to take such steps, as it considers appropriate to improve the

health of people in its area. In addition, under the Act, there is a duty on local authorities to reduce health inequalities in its area through the discharge of the Director of Public Health's duties (protective and preventative work on public health matters which require a national overview).

Section 31 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 inserts a new section 73B into the NHS Act 2006, which gives the Secretary of State the power to publish guidance to which the local authority must have regard when exercising its public health functions. The Council must have regard to those documents published, which includes the Department of Health's Public Health Outcomes framework (Public Health England). The Public Health Outcomes Framework 2016-2019 focuses on the respective roles of local government, the NHS and their delivery of improved well-being outcomes for the people and communities they serve.

The Council also has the power under the Local Government Act 2000 and the Localism Act 2011 to do whatever is required to improve the well-being of the inhabitants of its area.

1. Background

The in-depth review arose from concern about the gap in life expectancy between certain areas in the Borough. The report aims to provide an understanding of the state of Waverley's health and wellbeing by reviewing the complex interactions between our environment, lifestyle and health and wellbeing. The report also aimed to highlight the importance of the Council to go beyond the statutory responsibility for the Health and Wellbeing of the local population.

The Working Group considered a range of determinants affecting health and wellbeing including planning policy, housing and leisure as well as lifestyle behaviours and access to primary health care. The Group were assisted by colleagues in the County Public Health team and a number of external partners.

For ease of navigation the recommendations contained within the report are divided into three themes; the Local Economy and Environment; Lifestyle Behaviours; and Access to Primary Care.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Executive considers the report and agrees the recommendations contained within it.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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