

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Cllr Bowkett, Chairman: Housing, Health & Care Delivery Group

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| Report to | Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Date: | 22 June 2021 |
| Subject: | Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group Delivery Plan |

Summary:

This report presents the initial Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG) Delivery Plan to the Health and Wellbeing Board. This Plan has been developed by a small working group and was agreed by HHCDG at its meeting on 30 March 2021. However, this remains a live document and there is scope to revise, shape and influence the actions. The objectives are set as these were agreed in the Lincolnshire Homes for Independence Blueprint.

Actions Required:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note the HHCDG Delivery Plan;
2. In particular, note those actions where Board member organisations will be the lead partner or part of the delivery team; and, along with the HHCDG representative(s), ensure appropriate representation to achieve those actions;
3. Comment on the Delivery Plan and suggest any additional actions.

1. Background

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) set out a shared commitment to housing through the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Lincolnshire Homes for Independence Blueprint is owned by the Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG). It provides a high level vision for providing a greater range of housing options for those who need additional support, and better integrated services to promote and sustain independent living. The Delivery Plan identifies that a broad range of actions involving a number of different partners are necessary to support independence

and create homes for life. The implementation of the Delivery Plan will be overseen by the HHCDG, reporting annually on progress to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).

The Delivery Plan builds on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. During the past year, most people have spent more time at home than ever before and the impact of poor living conditions or unsuitable homes on people's physical and mental health has become more apparent. For example, there is an emphasis on targeting support to those who will see maximum benefit (e.g. people with long-term health conditions that are exacerbated by living in a cold, damp home).

Homelessness and rough sleeping have been at the fore during the pandemic, with the Everyone In campaign and prioritisation for COVID-19 vaccination, recognising the social, economic and health needs of those affected.

Lincolnshire is the rural strategic partner of the Centre for Ageing Better (AB). There is a specific action in the Delivery Plan to develop a work programme to redesign services providing aids, adaptations and improvements to existing homes. AB's work programme includes identifying those providing these services, in the public, private and voluntary and community sector (VCS), and holding workshops with stakeholders to support the re-design. AB will also contribute to other actions in the Delivery Plan.

Homelessness activity, the partnership with AB, and the work of the Communities and Volunteer Cell through the COVID-19 pandemic all provide an opportunity to review and maximise the contribution of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) to achieving healthy homes and independent living.

2. Conclusion

The HHCDG Delivery Plan has been developed by agencies attending the HHCDG. Whilst the Plan does not commit partners to specific resources, the actions will require commitment from a range of agencies, including those who are HWB members. The Delivery Plan is owned by the HHCDG. Progress will be reviewed at every HHCDG meeting and reported annually to the HWB.

3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy

The Council and Clinical Commissioning Group must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Health and Wellbeing Board created the HHCDG and adopted Housing as one of seven priorities in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) for Lincolnshire, underpinned by two Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) topics on housing. The HHCDG members adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), agreeing to work together across the housing, health and care sectors to support residents. The HHCDG Delivery Plan is designed to deliver the Lincolnshire Homes for Independence Blueprint.

Good homes contribute to several of the other priorities in the JHWS e.g. good mental health, and being able to live well, independently with dementia. The wider environment around the home can have a positive or negative effect on mental health, physical activity levels and healthy weight.

Several actions in the Delivery Plan have the specific aim of maintaining accurate data and intelligence to strengthen the JSNA evidence base. This will be supported by a proposal to increase staff capacity in LCC's Public Health Intelligence Team through co-funded resources.

Delivery Objectives in the Blueprint have been derived, in part, from the JSNA topics on 'Housing Standards' and 'Insecure Homes and Homelessness'. The Blueprint itself does not provide the numbers of homes needed but the Delivery Objective on maintaining accurate data and intelligence will strengthen the JSNA evidence base.

4. Consultation

The Delivery Plan was developed through a working group of the HHCDG and was considered and agreed by the HHCDG at its meetings on 30 March and 25 May 2021.

The draft Delivery Plan (containing the delivery objectives but no specific actions) accompanied reports on adopting the Lincolnshire Homes for Independence blueprint to District Council and LCC committees, Corporate Leadership Teams and Executives and/or Executive Councillors.

5. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report

Appendix A

Housing Health and Care Delivery Group Delivery Plan

6. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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