

## **Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2019/20**

This report summarises the work undertaken by Croydon Health and Wellbeing Board from June 2019 to May 2020. The Board was established on 1 April 2013 as a committee of Croydon Council.

The Board had to cancel the April 2020 Health and Wellbeing Board due to the measures taken in response to COVID-19.

The report sets out the functions of the Board and gives examples of how the Board has discharged those functions.

Examples of key achievements of the Board are described, including the encouragement of greater integration and partnership working, tackling health inequalities, and increasing focus on prevention of ill health.

### **1. Functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board**

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 created statutory health and wellbeing boards as committees of the local authority. Their purpose, as set out in the Act, is 'to secure better health and wellbeing outcomes for the whole population, better quality of care for all patients and care users, and better value for the taxpayer'. Part 4L of the Council's Constitution provides that, the functions of the Board are:

- To encourage, for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of people in Croydon, persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in Croydon to work in an integrated manner.
- To provide such advice, assistance or other support as appropriate for the purpose of encouraging partnership arrangements under section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 between the Council and NHS bodies in connection with the provision of health and social care services.
- To encourage persons who arrange for the provision of health-related services (i.e. services which are not health or social care services but which may have an effect on the health of individuals) to work closely with the Board and with persons providing health and social care services.
- To exercise the functions of the Council and its partner Clinical Commissioning Groups in preparing a joint strategic needs assessment under section 116 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and a joint health and wellbeing strategy under section 116A of that Act.
- To give the Council the opinion of the Board on whether the Council is discharging its duty to have regard to the joint strategic needs assessment and joint health and wellbeing strategy in discharging the Council's functions.
- To agree the delivery plans of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

- To monitor the delivery plans in fulfilment of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- To report to Council the outcome of the Board's monitoring of the delivery plans in fulfilment of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy as part of its annual report.
- To exercise such other Council functions which are delegated to the Board under the Constitution.

Councillor Louisa Woodley took over the Chair with the first meeting of the present Board on 20th June 2018

## **2. Croydon Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

The current Health and Wellbeing Strategy is structured around the following 8 Priorities:

- Priority 1 - A better start in life
- Priority 2 - Strong, engaged, inclusive and well connected communities
- Priority 3 - Housing and the environment enable all people of Croydon to be healthy
- Priority 4 – Mental wellbeing and good mental health are seen as a driver of health
- Priority 5 – A strong local economy with quality, local jobs
- Priority 6 – Get more people more active, more often
- Priority 7 – A stronger focus on prevention
- Priority 8 – The right people, in the right place, at the right time

3. The following report (paragraphs 4-10) covers the work of Croydon Health and Wellbeing Board from June 2019 to May 2020 and links this to the Priority in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## **4. Integrated Localities Approaches**

Looking at delivery against the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priority 8, 'The right people, in the right place, at the right time', the Board requested and received a report on the different strands of localities working from across the community, with input from the community and voluntary sector, Croydon Council, Croydon Health Services and One Croydon. The report included perspectives and updates on the locality approach for:

- *Council's Operating Model*
- *Health and Care Locality Development – Integrated Community Networks + (ICN +)*
- *Locality approach for the Children and Young People Agenda*
- *Shift to strengths based approaches, such as Community Led Support*
- *The locality approach and the voluntary and community sector experience*
- *A Healthwatch Croydon perspective on what locality working means to the public*

## **5. The Health and Care Transformation Plan**

The Board received and signed off the [Croydon's Health and Care Transformation Plan \(HCP\)](#) which is the delivery plan for the Board's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## **6. Health Protection Forum updates**

The health protection forum supports the work to deliver against the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority 1, 'a better start in life', and priority 7, 'A stronger focus on prevention'. The Board received regular Health protection updates at each meeting from the Health Protection Forum. This allows a discussion across health and social care into the health protection plans and for partners to commit to promotion and sharing the knowledge from updates internally within their organisations. Updates were received on Measles and MMR vaccination, and the annual Seasonal Flu Plan.

## **7. Prevention Green Paper Response**

Supporting borough wide work to deliver the Health and Wellbeing strategy priority 7, 'a stronger focus on prevention', the Board worked to develop a response under the One Croydon banner to the Prevention Green Paper 2019, outlining the vision for proactive, predictive and personalised prevention to address slowing increases in life-expectancy and social gradient to health life-expectancy.

## **8. Croydon Health and Care Commissioning Intentions 2020/21**

The Board received and commented on the Croydon Health and Care Commissioning intentions as part of its statutory duty.

## **9. CYP Mental Health Local Transformation Plan**

Aligned to Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priority 1, 'A healthy start in Life' and Priority 4, 'Mental wellbeing and good mental health are seen as a driver of health'.

The Board received and supported the progress and completion of the Children and Young People Mental Health Local Transformation Plan, including the Croydon trailblazer programme supported by multiple Board members.

## **10. Healthy Weight Workshop**

Aligned to Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priority 1, 'A better start in life', Priority 2, 'Strong, engaged, inclusive and well connected communities', and Priority 7 'A stronger focus on prevention'.

The Health and Wellbeing Board supported the Croydon Healthy Weight partnership a Healthy Weight workshop in December 2019. The workshop brought together over 60 members from organisations across Croydon, including representatives from Croydon Council, health and community bodies, schools and local businesses.

There was a joint 2 year commitment to strengthen efforts to reduce obesity rates in the borough to help support residents by making healthier choices easier through a range of actions such as seeking to reduce the number of fast food outlets,

encouraging people to exercise by walking more and exploring the borough and cooking healthier meals.