

Agenda item 9

DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

16 March 2017

Report of the Director of Public Health

UPDATE ON HOUSING AND HEALTH

1. Purpose of the report

To provide an update on the housing and health agenda, including the establishment of the Derbyshire Housing and Health System Group and agree that the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board is the accountable body for the group.

2. Information and analysis

It is recognised suitable housing that is safe and warm is one of the foundations of personal wellbeing, whether in childhood or old age. Appropriate housing enables people to access basic services and build relationships with neighbours and other members of their community, and can facilitate interventions designed to promote and improve health. For people with complex or severe needs – including the rising number of older people – good housing can help them maintain good health and independence for longer.

3. Progress to date:

In September 2016, the Derbyshire Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to support actions related to strengthening the housing and health agenda for Derbyshire, where the outcomes of the Housing and Health Joint Needs Assessment (HHJNA) were shared.

In addition, the first Derbyshire Housing Providers Forum was held and this considered the proposed changes to the Local Housing Allowance, the recommendations from the HHJNA and explored how a shared partnership approach to housing and health could be developed.

Work has also taken place to secure strategic support and representation from District and Borough Strategic Housing, Derby City Council, NHS Clinical

Commissioning Group Chief Officers, Adult Care and Children's Services to establish a Derbyshire Housing and Health system group.

An update has also been provided an update on housing and health and secured support for the establishment of a Derbyshire Housing and Health system group from the Derbyshire Chief Executives group.

4. Next steps

It is proposed that the next steps for the work of the Housing and Health group will be to:

- Formally establish and develop the Derbyshire Housing and Health system group which will develop a true system wide view and approach to housing and health by working in partnership with organisations and stakeholders identified at the housing and health forum.
- Confirm accountability and reporting to Derby City Health and Wellbeing Board, for work which is developed in conjunction with housing representatives from Derby City.
- Explore opportunities to gain additional investment and review existing investment for housing related projects, though the Derbyshire Housing and Health system group.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note, support and endorse the work on housing and health and the establishment of the Derbyshire Housing and Health system group.
2. Agree to be the accountable body for the Derbyshire Housing and Health system group and receive updates from the group by exception and as and when required.

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