

Progress on tackling health inequalities in B&NES

A brief update for the Health and Wellbeing Board June 2018

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Work themes

1. Give every child the best start in life
2. Enable all children young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
3. Create fair employment and good work for all
4. Ensure a healthy standard of living for all
5. Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
6. Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention
7. Inequity in access to health and care services

Best start in life

- B&NES trauma informed care conference in 2018
- Moving from ‘why’ to ‘how’
- ...but still some questions about ‘who’, ‘when’

Children and young people and adults

- *A Best start in Life* established - includes commissioners and providers of maternity, health visiting, FNP, early years settings and children's centres
- Purpose is to ensure effective referral pathways and joint working between services to improve outcomes for young children. This group reports into the Early Help Board
- Consideration is being given as to how to best implement ACE and Trauma informed care in practice and co-ordinate across children's and adult's services

Good employment for all

- Started delivery of the FutureBright project in 2018 which supports people who are in work and on low incomes to improve their earnings (more money and / or more hours)
- Developing the Employment Hub website due to be launched this summer. The website enables people to clearly identify the support available to them to enter employment and progress their careers so they are able to help themselves. There are also pages for content which will include links to health services and tips on reducing stress
- Employment and skills review looking at how employment and skills services can better work together locally and how they link to other support services (including health)

Good employment for all

- Employment and Occupation as a pathway in the B&NES Community mental health services review
- Working with local employers to support them to offer ‘good’ jobs, funded via FutureBright to start this work.
- St John’s Round Table work on employment and mental health

Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities

- Bath Air Quality Management Area - plans to work with people who have relevant long term conditions to proactively notify them in advance of high air pollution days with preventative advice

III health prevention

- CCG Health Optimisation policy
- No evidence that shows whether or not such a policy widens health inequalities or can reduce health inequalities
- A health inequalities impact assessment has been carried out and a resulting plan put in place that recognises that some groups of patients are less likely than others to benefit from a referral to services for support to lose weight or stop smoking, so identifies actions aimed at increasing their ability to benefit

III health prevention

- CCG continues targeted work on safeguarding and pre-diabetes in our most deprived practice areas
- Progress on work to improve physical health care for people with severe mental illness

Access to services

- STP work on increasing flu vaccination amongst people with lower vaccination rates, including carers and clinically higher risk groups
- Multi-agency workshops in 2017 looking at poor uptake of cervical screening and childhood immunisation
- Two action plans, now agreed between council public health and NHSE/PHE screening and immunisation leads
- Most work in the action plans will be taken forward by a Health Inequalities Screening and Immunisation Worker in post for 12 months – funded by NHSE

Access to services

- B&NES public health, Avon Breast Screening Programme and PHE working together to produce a breast screening video specifically for women with learning difficulties, to explain simply and clearly what screening involves and why it is important.
- Funding secured largely from PHE. There is a real need for such a resource, and we expect that this will be made available nationally once it has been produced.