

<b>Bath &amp; North East Somerset Council</b>	
MEETING:	Health and Wellbeing Board
MEETING DATE:	3 July 2025
TITLE:	B&NES Health Inequalities Funding
WARD:	All
<b>AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM</b>	
<b>List of attachments to this report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix One – Full Report</li> </ul>	

## 1 THE ISSUE

The B&NES health inequalities core network team was established in May 2023 through the B&NES locality portion of the NHS England (NHSE) health inequalities funding allocated to B&NES, Swindon and Wiltshire (BSW) Integrated Care Board (ICB) 2022-23. B&NES Integrated Care Alliance (ICA) invested the funding to create a network approach to addressing health inequalities facilitated by dedicated posts in different parts of the local system.

From 2023/24 NHSE added the additional health inequalities funding allocation into ICB baseline funding and subsequently £357,896.74 was allocated recurrently to B&NES ICA over the next 5 years. The allocation was deferred to begin from April 2024. The health inequalities manager has worked with local partners and the wider network to develop and oversee a process for allocation of the B&NES Health Inequalities Fund (BHIF). This process has been in line with the [Core20PLUS5](#) priority criteria as set out by BSW ICB (See appendix One).

## 2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider performance of the Health Inequalities Network and the B&NES Health Inequalities Fund (BHIF) projects. The Board is invited to note the risks to the Health Inequalities work going forward and to consider its role in advocating and championing a continued focus on Place-Based work to address health equity.

### **3 THE REPORT**

- 3.1 See Full Report at Appendix One.

### **4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards were required to be established in all local authorities under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 as a key mechanism for driving joined up working at a local level.
- 4.2 As a statutory function the Board must prepare and publish a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS), setting the vision, strategic direction and high-level priorities for system partners to work together on.

### **5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)**

- 5.1 The direct resource implications of this work have been through the time and capacity involved from the B&NES Health Inequalities Group members, from Council, NHS and Third Sector.

### **6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to note the risks to continuation of the Health Inequalities Network and focus beyond April 2026

### **7 EQUALITIES**

- 7.1 A cross cutting theme of the B&NE Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is to tackle inequalities in B&NES. Through monitoring progress against this ambition, the strategy seeks to promote equity of opportunity, of service provision and to reduce inequalities in experiences and outcomes.

### **8 CLIMATE CHANGE**

The B&NES Health Inequalities Core20PLUS5 Delivery Plan seeks to address wider socio-economic and environmental factors affecting health equity including poor air quality, transport and housing in consideration of the climate and ecological emergency.

### **9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 9.1 None.

## 10 CONSULTATION

- 10.1 This report has been considered and cleared for sign off by the S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer. Public engagement is one of the core objectives of the B&NES Health Inequalities Group (BHIG)

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<b>Background papers</b>	