

CHESHIRE EAST HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Reports Cover Sheet

Title of Report:	Establishment of a Reducing Inequalities Commission
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Executive Summary

Is this report for:	Information <input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Why is the report being brought to the board?	To seek the Board's agreement to establish a Reducing Inequalities Commission to lead and co-ordinate the work across Cheshire East.		
Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities this report relates to?	Creating a place that supports health and wellbeing for everyone living in Cheshire East <input type="checkbox"/> Improving the mental health and wellbeing of people living and working in Cheshire East <input type="checkbox"/> Enable more people to live well for longer <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above X		
Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Principles this report relates to?	Equality and Fairness <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Integration <input type="checkbox"/> Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above X		
Key Actions for the Health & Wellbeing Board to address. Please state recommendations for action.	That the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board agree to the establishment of a Reducing Inequalities Commission, as a sub-group of the H&W Board, with the remit to lead and co-ordinate work across Cheshire East that focuses upon reducing the inequalities experienced by residents of the borough.		
Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG board/stakeholders?	No		

Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?	Not directly but the evidence from the Cheshire East Tartan Rug, Healthwatch Cheshire East COVID 19 reports and Public Health England have informed the recommendation.
If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit? Detail benefits and reasons why they will benefit.	Reducing inequalities is a priority outcome both nationally and locally, to narrow the gap between those who enjoy a good quality of life and those that don't. The pandemic has emphasised the links that exist between our health and an economy that, for all its successes, continues to produce poverty, inequality, and insecurity. We know that a lack of economic opportunity has consequences for our health, and, in turn, that poor health impacts our capacity to participate fully in the economy and realise our potential.

1 Report Summary

- 1.1 Within the Cheshire East Place Health and Care Partnership Five Year Plan and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the need to address the inequalities evident through the Tartan Rug is a priority. Additionally, the evidence of COVID-19's impact on those facing these same inequalities has led to NHS England and Improvement making addressing the inequalities a priority in the COVID-19 Phase 3 recovery planning.
- 1.2 To ensure that there is a joined up and co-ordinated response to the need to tackle the inequalities, it is proposed that a Reducing Inequalities Commission be established as a sub-group of the Board.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board agree to the establishment of a Reducing Inequalities Commission, as a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Board, with the remit to lead and co-ordinate work across Cheshire East that focuses upon reducing the inequalities experienced by residents of the borough.

3 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To ensure that there is a co-ordinated response to the need to reduce the inequalities faced by residents of Cheshire East, with a recognition of the important role of the wider (or social) determinants of health and the requirement to consider these and address them systematically, for example education, housing, employment, access to green spaces etc.
- 3.2 To ensure that the projected significant increasing demand on many of our public services (most notably health and social care) is mitigated against with a strategy to tackle this demand, by investing in prevention and delivering sustainable and inclusive growth across the Borough.
- 3.3 To support the Cheshire East Social Value Policy, that is being drafted as a joint Policy with NHS Cheshire CCG, which aims to support local economic recovery, as well as longer term economic growth and inclusive growth. Evidence shows that the social impacts that can be achieved through Social Value, are underpinned by the Marmot Principles (see 6.1) in terms of the wider determinants of health and wellbeing and health inequalities.

4 Impact on Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

- 4.1 The creation of a Reducing Inequalities Commission has the potential to make a significant contribution to the priorities within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

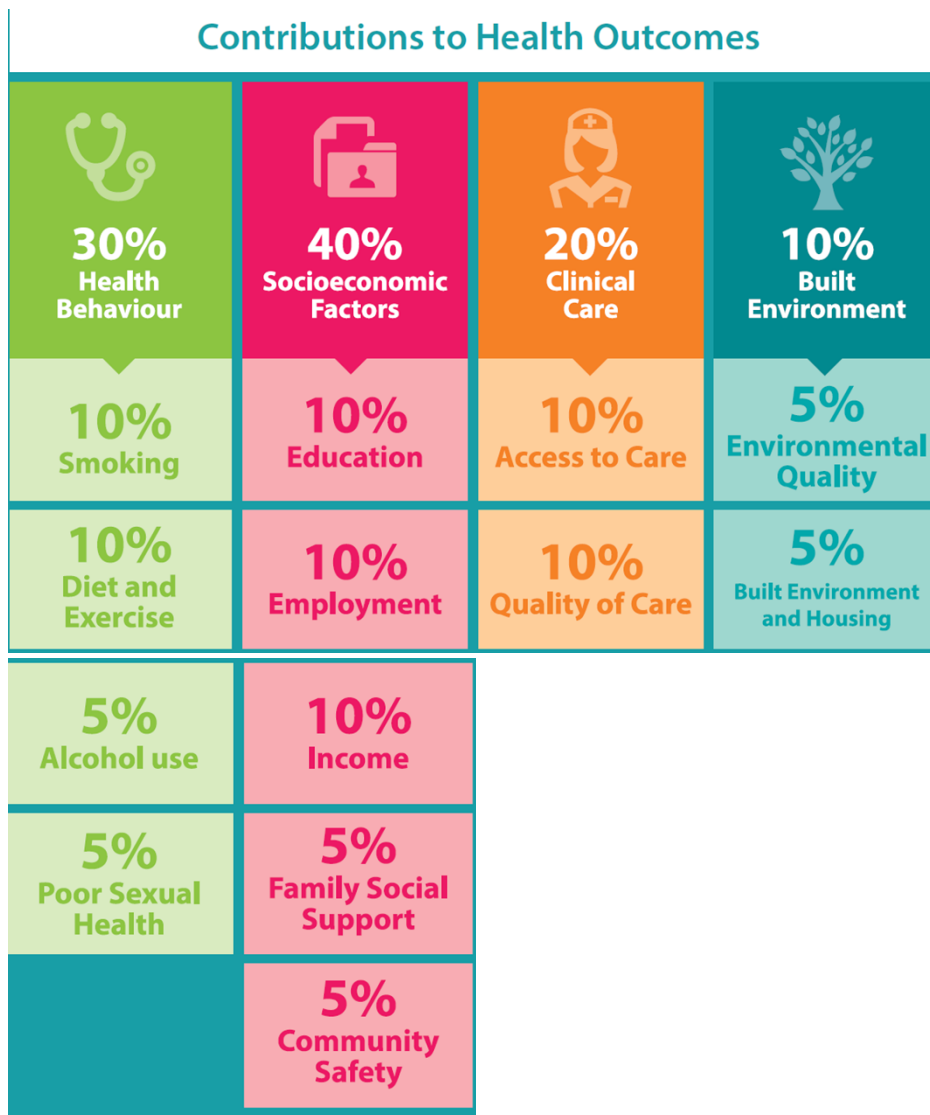
5 Background and Options

- 5.1 Within the Cheshire East Health and Care Partnership's Five Year Plan and the H&W Strategy, the need to reduce inequalities is emphasised and identified as a priority outcome. This is based upon the local data from the Tartan Rug that demonstrates very clearly the different outcomes for different parts of the community in relation to a number of key measures. In addition to this, the clear demonstration that the COVID 19 virus has had a more significant impact upon certain sectors of the community, and that there is a correlation between levels of inequality and likelihood of suffering from the virus, has prompted the NHS to focus upon the need to ramp up their efforts to reduce the levels of inequality faced by some of our residents. The NHS COVID-19 Phase 3 Recovery Guidance has set NHS organisations very clear criteria that they are expected to meet.
- 5.2 To bring all of this together it has been proposed that we need a sub-group of the Health and Wellbeing Commission to coordinate the work, recognising that this is not just about health, it's about education, employment, housing, access to transport and to services, digital connectivity, lifestyle behaviours and all the many other things that contribute to a better quality of life, a good work/life balance and more years lived in good health.
- 5.3 This creates a strong link to the Social Value Policy that has been drafted by the Council and CCG with other partners. Our local definition and understanding of Social Value was co-produced collaboratively with partners and local residents across Cheshire and Merseyside, including residents across Cheshire East.

Social Value is:

- the good that we can achieve within our communities, related to *environmental, economic and social factors*;
- our approach to building capabilities, strengths and assets and enabling people to live a valued and dignified life;
- an enabler for the growth of 'Social Innovation' and helps to reduce avoidable inequalities – linked to the Marmot Principles;
- a requirement of the public sector as 'Anchor Organisations' to use their purchasing power to build capabilities, strengths and assets within our communities, ensuring that Cheshire East is a great 'Place' to live and work

- 5.4 The diagram below (taken from the Five Year Plan), sets out clearly what we need to be considering.



- 5.5 If the Health and Wellbeing Board support the proposal Dr Matt Tyrer will take the lead in the establishment of the Commission. Nominations for membership will be sought from partners and other organisations that have a role to play or interest in reducing inequalities across the borough.

6 Access to Information

- 6.1 <https://www.health.org.uk/publications/reports/the-marmot-review-10-years-on>
- 6.2 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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