



**REPORT TO: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD –
28 JUNE 2016**

REPORT ON: HEALTH INEQUALITIES AND EARLY INTERVENTION

REPORT BY: CHIEF OFFICER

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this information report is to provide a context for bringing forward proposals and propositions for service design or redesign that respond to the significant issues of health inequalities, poverty and deprivation that currently exist in Dundee. This report also acknowledges the importance of designing services that are health inequalities sensitive, demonstrate early intervention and prevention and are targeted and delivered to those who are in most need of support.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Integration Joint Board (IJB):

- 2.1 Acknowledge the significant inequalities that exist in Dundee and actively request the bringing forward of proposals that seek to mitigate the most negative impacts of these inequalities.
- 2.2 Support future proposals for scaling up well evidenced interventions that reduce health inequalities and tackle poverty;
- 2.3 Note and support the recommendations from 'A Fair Way to Go' report;
- 2.4 Request a report be brought forward that describes how the IJB will respond to the recommendations in 'A Fair Way to Go'.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 The Dundee Health & Social Care Partnership Strategic and Commissioning Plan 2016 – 2021 was signed off and adopted by Dundee IJB at the meeting of 15 March 2016. Within the case for change contained in the plan there was a comprehensive description of how deprivation and inequalities manifest in Dundee. The plan also described how variation in deprivation and multi-morbidity exists not just across the eight LCPP areas in Dundee but indeed between neighbourhoods within the areas.
- 4.2 Resulting from the case for change analysis a number of strategic priorities and shifts were identified. In respect of this report the most relevant are the priorities of Health Inequalities and Early Intervention/Prevention. Action plans are currently in development which describe in more detail how we propose to prioritise, shift or invest our resources.
- 4.3 The recent publication of the work of the Dundee Fairness Commission May 2016 highlighted a number of key principles and lessons that should underpin any work Dundee does from now

on to reduce poverty and inequality in the city. In the implementation of our strategic plan we should ensure that we adhere to and act on these principles and lessons.

- 4.4. There is a significant amount of work being undertaken in Dundee to mitigate the most negative impacts of welfare reform changes as they are introduced. Much of this work is being led on a multi-agency basis by Dundee City Council, but in addition NHS Tayside's Director of Public Health (DPH) is the executive lead within the organisation and for the first time the local health response to welfare reform changes merited a separate chapter within the DPH's 2014/15 Annual Report. It acknowledges that the number of people likely to be affected by welfare reform and the nature and potential extent of the health consequences make this a serious public health issue.
- 4.5 In addition, the NHS Tayside Health Equity Strategy is being reviewed and refreshed as it is currently unclear whether the recommendations in the strategy, published in 2010 are being implemented as fully as they need to be across sectors.
- 4.6 There are a number of well evidenced interventions being delivered in Dundee that can demonstrate effectiveness in reducing health inequalities. To date these interventions have been delivered on a scale that can only be offered to a small number of Dundee citizens. Examples include:
- Welfare Rights in General Practice
 - Planning for financial advice within secondary care settings
 - Social Prescribing
 - Keep Well
 - Equally Well
 - Listening Service – It's Good to Talk
 - Safe Zone
 - Prevention of Homelessness for Young Adults
- 4.7 It is proposed therefore to bring forward to Dundee IJB propositions and proposals for shifting resources and/or investing in interventions and services that are targeted to those who need them and will benefit from them the most.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

The Chief Finance Officer and the Clerk were consulted in the preparation of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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