

Title of report: Community Paradigm**Meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board****Meeting date: 13 March 2023****Report by: Community Wellbeing Directorate****Classification**

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose:

- For the Board to receive and comment on the Community Paradigm Presentation.

Recommendation(s)

- That the Board considers and comments on the Community Paradigm Presentation.

Alternative options

1: The Board could choose not to consider this report. This is not recommended as the HWBB will provide its opinion, as appropriate, to Herefordshire Council, the Integrated Care Board or NHS England, as to whether they are discharging their duty to have regard to any assessment of relevant needs prepared by the Council, the ICB or NHS England in the exercise of their functions.

Key considerations

- The Community Paradigm, how public services might need a radical change. It describes a different understanding of power. It recognises that when your overarching goal is to prevent illness, crime, or personal crisis arising in the first place, then power needs to be 'shared' with individuals and communities.

- Prevention can ultimately only be successful when those at risk of illness, crime or crisis take the necessary steps to prevent it themselves, with the supportive influence of communities and networks around them.
- This is harder to achieve when power and resources are 'locked up' in the institutions of public services overwhelmingly concerned with acute response, rather than prevention.

Community Impact

In accordance with the adopted code of corporate governance, Herefordshire Council achieves its intended outcomes by providing a mixture of legal, regulatory and practical interventions. Determining the right mix of these is an important strategic choice to make sure outcomes are achieved. The council needs robust decision-making mechanisms to ensure its outcomes can be achieved in a way that provides the best use of resources whilst still enabling efficient and effective operations and recognises that a culture and structure for scrutiny are key elements for accountable decision making, policy development and review

Environmental Impact

There are no general implications for the environment arising from this report.

Equality duty

- Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) Facilitate good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services.

Resource implications

- There are no resource implications associated with this report.

Legal implications

- Health and wellbeing boards are responsible for encouraging integrated working between health and social care commissioners, including partnership arrangements such as pooled budgets, lead commissioning and integrated provision.
- Their purpose is to establish collaborative decision making, planning and commissioning across councils and the NHS, informed by the views of patients, people who use services and other partners.
- The functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board are set out in paragraph 3.5.24 of the constitution.

Risk management

There are no risk implications identified emerging from the recommendations in this report

Consultees

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Community Paradigm Presentation

Background papers

None