

West Lothian Strategic Planning Group

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STRATEGIC PLANNING GROUP

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND HEALTH INEQUALITIES ACTIVITY

REPORT BY DIRECTOR

A PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Strategic Planning Group on the work of the Health Improvement and Health Inequalities Alliance, in particular the development of funding priorities to inform commissioning of the next round of Health Improvement Fund projects from April 2018.

B RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Group:

1. Notes the role and current work of the Health Improvement and Health Inequalities Alliance
2. Note the current review of the Health Improvement Fund and the request for the Alliance to identify funding priorities in West Lothian.
3. Discuss and contribute views on the following:

- a) What are key issues and assets that impact on health in WL?
- b) What are the gaps in health improvement work?
- c) Which determinants should we focus on in order to make biggest difference to health?

C TERMS OF REPORT

C.1 Role of the Health Improvement and Health Inequalities Alliance

The Health Improvement and Health Inequalities Alliance (HIHIA) has been in place in its current form since 2011. Its overall aim is 'to improve the health and well-being of those who live and work in West Lothian and to address the gap between those with the best health outcomes and those with the poorest health outcomes'. It is responsible for providing strategic direction for specific areas of health improvement work, with operational delivery being the responsibility of

the relevant managers. It works within the framework of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and other relevant strategic frameworks. Its responsibilities include oversight of activities funded by the Health Improvement Fund.

The role of the HIHIA is defined in its terms of reference as:

- Develop a coordinated approach and vision for the delivery and planning of health improvement activities in West Lothian;
- Monitor the plans developed by each of the sub-groups to take forward the vision of the HIHIA;
- Ensure that progress towards achieving key outcomes is monitored and reported through the Community Planning process;
- Act as a conduit between community planning partnership and operational activity;
- Identify cross cutting issues across the sub-groups and develop integrated multi-agency solutions;
- Set up and oversee short-life working groups to address specific strands of work which will contribute to agreed Community Planning Partnership outcomes;
- Act as a key consultative group for major policy development with a strong focus on influencing strategic plans across the Community Planning Partnership;
- Develop processes which maintain a regular and effective means of communication between partnerships;
- Promote joint staff training and development.

C.2 Health improvement delivery

HIHIA currently oversees action plans for the following areas of work:

- Eatright
- West Lothian on the Move
- Tobacco
- Children and Young People's health and wellbeing (also reports to the Children's Strategic Planning Group)
- Health in Later Life

Each of these reports formally to HIHIA at least once per year. Other sub-groups working on oral health, sexual health, and mental wellbeing are no longer meeting because the relevant programmes are being developed and delivered at a Lothian level and there is limited staff capacity to support local groups.

C.3 Strategic influence

As well as overseeing programmes of work to address these health improvement topics, HIHIA recognises that wider work within the Community Planning Partnership has a significant impact on health. For this reason, the group also provides input to other policy areas as appropriate. In the last year

this has included, for example, engaging with the development of the Local Development Plan, Active Travel Plan and Local Housing Strategy.

C.4 Health Improvement Fund allocations

Some of the activity that HIHIA oversees is funded by the NHS Lothian Health Improvement Fund (HIF). The HIF projects are funded until April 2018, have Service Level Agreements in place and are monitored regularly by a link officer. The current West Lothian HIF projects are shown in Appendix 1. The HIF Oversight Group, chaired by the Director of Public Health, is responsible for decisions about HIF allocations in Lothian.

The HIF Oversight Group has decided to review the allocations because many of the projects have been funded for more than a decade. It has requested that HIHIA identify funding priorities and activities to be funded in West Lothian from the next round. HIHIA has been asked to do this by April 2017 to allow time for projects to be commissioned. The HIF Oversight Group has identified high level priorities to provide guidance on the kinds of activities that are appropriate for HIF funding. These are:

- Early years support and early interventions for children and young people
- Social capital and community capacity building.

The HIF Oversight Group has also decided to re-distribute the total funding available in each area to be weighted equally by: overall population; population of children under 5; and population living in SIMD 1. This means that the total annual funding available in West Lothian from April 2018 will be £213,268. This is more than the current total allocation of £191,208 which reflects historical patterns of HIF spend.

C.5 Identifying priorities for health improvement

HIHIA has begun a process to identify priorities to inform its future work programme. This work will help identify the funding priorities for HIF within West Lothian, as noted above. It will also aim to ensure the limited staff time available is directed towards priority health improvement issues, while recognising the broad range of issues that impact on health.

The work will include collating relevant data and contextual information, and also using the following questions to invite views on the most significant issues to focus on in order to improve health in West Lothian. Members of the Strategic Planning Group are invited to contribute their views on these questions.

- a) What are key issues and assets that impact on health in WL?
- b) What are the gaps in health improvement work?
- c) Which determinants should we focus on to make biggest difference to health?

C.6 Local Joint Public Health Partnerships

The recently published Scottish Government Health and Social Care Delivery Plan includes an action to establish local joint public health partnerships between local authorities, NHS Scotland and others by 2020. HIIHA may fulfil this function in West Lothian, but this would need to be reviewed and it may be superseded by a new partnership. The current work to identify priorities in West Lothian will form useful groundwork to inform the new partnership.

D CONSULTATION

HIIHA aims to consult with a range of other partnerships and groups to identify views on priority health improvement issues. The Strategic Partnership is invited to suggest groups to include in this.

E REFERENCES/BACKGROUND

Scottish Government Health and Social Care Delivery Plan:
<http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/12/4275>

F APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: CURRENT HIF ALLOCATIONS

G SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

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| Equality/Health | HIIHA will carry out an Integrated Impact Assessment on its new work programme. |
| | All HIF projects are required to have an Integrated Impact Assessment of their action plans before Service Level Agreements are approved. |
| National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes | The Health Improvement and Health Inequalities Alliance contributes to the following national outcomes: |
| | We live longer, healthier lives |
| | We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society |
| | Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed |

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| Strategic Plan Outcomes | <p>The Health Improvement and Health Inequalities Alliance contributes to the following outcome in the Strategic Plan:</p> <p>People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer</p> |
| Single Outcome Agreement | <p>The Health Improvement and Health Inequalities Alliance contributes to the following outcomes in the SOA/LOIP:</p> <p>We live longer, healthier lives and have reduced health inequalities.</p> <p>Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed</p> |
| Impact on other Lothian IJBs | None |
| Resource/Finance | The resource implications include £213,268 of HIF funding, and staff time to develop priorities, take part in commissioning of projects and implement a revised work programme for the Alliance. |
| Policy/Legal | Commissioning of HIF projects will be supported by NHS Lothian Procurement staff and meet the requirements of the Procurement Reform Scotland Act 2014. |
| Risk | The main risk is of destabilising current successful health improvement programmes – either those directly funded by HIF or those that work in partnership with these. Several staff funded by HIF are employed within the Health Improvement Team on fixed term contracts. |

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APPENDIX 1: CURRENT HIF ALLOCATIONS

Current HIF allocations in West Lothian 2016/17

| Organisation | Project | Annual budget |
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| WL HSCP | eatright | 75,000 |
| WL CAB | Welfare advice in GP practices | 30,838 |
| WLC | West Lothian On the Move | 45,000 |
| WL HSCP | WL IFA | 35,370 |
| WL HSCP | Staysafe | 5,000 |
| TOTAL | | £191,208 |