

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

DATE: 6th October 2021

REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health

PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing

SUBJECT: Marmot Review and the Marmot Community Programme

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update on the Marmot Review including next steps following publication of 'Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 years on' document in 2020; and to inform the board about the Marmot Community Review project

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the contents of the report and supports the Marmot Community programme workshop.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 'Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 years on' found that across England in the ten years since the publication of the original Marmot Review life expectancy had failed to increase across the country, and for the poorest 10% of women it has actually declined. Over the last decade health inequalities have widened overall, and the amount of time people spend in poor health has increased since 2010.

3.2 Cheshire and Merseyside (through CHAMPS and Cheshire & Merseyside Health Care Partnership) is now working to achieve Marmot Community status. The underlying feature of all Marmot Communities is a determined and joint effort to true integration across of number of sectors in order to undertake collaborative action to achieve six common goals, as set out in Sir Michael Marmot's original report from 2010:

- Give every child the best start in life
- Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
- Create fair employment and good work for all
- Ensure healthy standard of living for all
- Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities
- Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention

- 3.3 Areas that are awarded the status of Marmot Community are those that can provide evidence that these six goals are addressed throughout local policymaking and decision-making, and that improved health and reduced inequalities are at the centre of how the area develops approaches to early years, education and skills, transport, housing, places and spaces, and jobs and businesses.
- 3.4 The Marmot national team are looking to gain feedback from the nine local areas across Merseyside and Cheshire to develop action plans to tackle inequalities across local areas and to ensure local perspectives are incorporated into the national review report due to be published in 2022. This feedback will be provided by individual local area workshops. The Marmot community programme workshop for Halton is set to take place in October/November 2021.
- 3.5 Although national support is being offered, our local area already has a number of people and organisations working to tackle inequalities. By hosting a workshop as well as feeding into the national Marmot review, we can bring these skills and expertise together to develop a local action plan driven by local people.
- 3.6 Following the workshop, a Marmot Communities working group will be established with representation from partners across Halton already working to tackle inequalities. This working group will help establish a local work programme for the Marmot Community programme. This will link to existing work on inequalities and the One Halton Plan.
- 3.7 Feedback will be provided from the Marmot Community programme to the HWBB.
- 3.8 Adopting a Marmot approach is key to acknowledging that everyone has a role to play in tackling health inequalities and improving the health and wellbeing of our residents. Tackling inequalities in the social determinants of health, the 'wider determinants' offers an opportunity for partnership working across the system

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Marmot report recognises that the partners within the Health and Wellbeing Board are crucial to delivering reductions in health inequalities at a local level through improving inequalities in the social determinants of health. Hosting a workshop in Halton will enable the identification of key challenges as well as work areas for focus. Information gathered from this workshop can help shape a local Marmot Community programme.

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified at this time.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children & Young People in Halton

Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People is a key priority in Halton. The review will highlight key topics for children.

6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton

The above priority is a key determinant of health. Therefore improving outcomes in this area will have an impact on improving the health of Halton residents

6.3 A Healthy Halton

All issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

6.4 A Safer Halton

Reducing the incidence of crime, improving Community Safety and reducing the fear of crime have an impact on health outcomes particularly on mental health.

There are also close links between partnerships on areas such as scams, alcohol and domestic violence.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

The environment in which we live and the physical infrastructure of our communities has a direct impact on our health and wellbeing.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 Developing the programme plan does not present any obvious risk however, there may be risks associated with the resultant recommendations. These will be assessed as appropriate.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None