

**REPORT TO:** Halton Health and Wellbeing Board  
**DATE:** 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director of Public Health  
**PORTFOLIO:** Health and Wellbeing  
**SUBJECT:** Marmot Workshop Report  
**WARD(S)** Borough-wide

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide an update on the Marmot Workshop held on November 25<sup>th</sup> 2021 and set out next steps.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the Board note the contents of the report.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Health inequalities are avoidable, unfair and systematic differences in health between different groups of people.
- 3.2 Health inequalities are experienced between different groups of people and are often analysed across four main categories: socio-economic factors (for example, income); geography (for example, region); specific characteristics (for example, ethnicity or sexuality) and socially excluded groups (people who are asylum seekers or experiencing homelessness). The effects of inequality are multiplied for those who have more than one type of disadvantage.
- 3.3 'Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 years on' found significant widening of health inequalities across England in the ten years since the publication of the original Marmot Review.
- 3.4 Cheshire and Merseyside (through CHAMPS and Cheshire & Merseyside Health Care Partnership) is now working to achieve Marmot Community status. This means 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
- 3.5 The Marmot national team have held workshops across the nine local areas in Merseyside and Cheshire to identify key areas for combined action to tackle inequalities across local areas and to ensure local perspectives are incorporated into the national review report due to be published in 2022.
- 3.6 The Marmot community programme workshop for Halton took place on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Whilst it was an online meeting it was well attended with over 50 participants from a range of settings including voluntary sector, primary and secondary healthcare and local authority and local representation from council members and officers who work at grassroots level.

The workshop considered the following areas:

- Changes to a set list of existing of indicators
  - What are the key local priorities related to health inequalities in Halton
  - What actions are working to reduce health inequalities in Halton? What should we be doing more of?
  - What isn't working? Do we need to stop doing anything?
- 3.7 Feedback has been themed and will link to existing work on inequalities and the One Halton Plan as well as feed into the regional Marmot Community programme.
- 3.8 Two themes dominated the discussions, Children and Families and the role of Employment. Sub themes were identified that overlapped or linked to one or both of these topics which included poverty, the role of transport, housing, physical activity and mental health. Three other themes identified included substance and alcohol misuse, the role of aspiration and resilience as well as a need to focus on the needs of older adults. In addition to the thematic areas identified a lot of the workshop looked at indicators that the Marmot Team were looking to expand as well as discussion on ways of working and the approach to inequalities in general, this covered the need to be more preventative, some of the funding models, need for a balance between talking to the community and moving to deliver outcomes that are beneficial for local people whilst ensuring these are properly evaluated.
- 3.9 NEXT Steps:

The Marmot Team will independently produce a set of indicators and a report which pulls together the outcomes of the workshops across the nine places as well as help shape a regional Marmot Community programme and national review.

- 3.10 In Halton the thematic areas will feed into the One Halton Strategy Transformation group and will build into work on Starting Well, Living Well and Ageing Well.

#### **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. The workshop has enabled the identification of key challenges as well as work areas for focus. Information gathered from this workshop will also help shape a regional 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 highlights 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