

North East Derbyshire District Council

Communities Scrutiny Committee

1 April 2022

Healthy North East Derbyshire Partnership – Review of 2021/22

Report of Steve Lee - Assistant Director Transformation and Communication

Classification: This report is public

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PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To inform the Communities Scrutiny Committee of the progress of the Healthy North East Derbyshire Partnership during 2021/22.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the report is noted.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

The Partnership Strategy Team oversees the management of the Healthy Communities Locality Action Plan funding on behalf of the Healthy North East Derbyshire (HNED) Partnership, funded by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) Public Health. They ensure that all commissioned projects adhere to the expectations established in the DCC Inter Agency Agreement. Funding for the Community Development Worker post has been provided by DCC through the Public Health Locality Action Plan. Adherence is maintained to NEDDC's Financial Regulations and Joint Risk Management and Partnerships Strategy.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details:

Adherence is maintained to Service Level Agreements and NEDDC's Legal and Data Protection Policies.

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

Evaluation of workload implications upon the Partnership Strategy Team is undertaken in regular individual, team and Service Planning reviews. Engagement with other departments required to assist in delivery (e.g. Leisure Team to deliver projects) is maintained to ensure targets are achieved.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	All wards across the District
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes Details: Steve Lee, Assistant Director – Transformation and Communication

Links to Council Ambition (BDC)/Council Plan (NED) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

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REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background** *(reasons for bringing the report)*

- 1.1 The Healthy North East Derbyshire (HNED) Partnership was established in 2015 and is chaired by the Public Health Localities Lead for North East Derbyshire at DCC. The NEDDC Partnership Strategy Team is responsible for managing the funding and commissioning of projects following the wishes of the HNED Partnership. The Partnership comprises of representation from County and District Council services, Rykneld Homes Ltd, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Primary Care Network and the voluntary sector.
- 1.2 The HNED Partnership has been delivering the Public Health Locality Plan since 2015, for which DCC awards an annual allocation, via NEDDC, to commission projects on its behalf to address health priorities. Since 2018/19 the annual funding awarded has been £69,501 with additional ring-fenced funding received for specific activities including small grants to the voluntary sector, which is administered by Derbyshire Voluntary Action. Periodically the HNED Partnership will received additional ring-fenced funding for specific projects Public Health wish to fund such as £100,000 the Emotional Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People’s Project.
- 1.3 This report provides a summary of the latest progress of the HNED Partnership to improve health and wellbeing at a local level.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The Partnership established the following priorities in the Plan, working together to identify local needs and common issues, and allocated resources proportionate to the extent of the issues:

Overarching priority:

Older People, long-term conditions and independence in the home.

Building Healthy Communities:

- Building Social Capital
- Improving the quality of life for carers
- Reducing the impact of wider determinants (e.g. worklessness, homelessness)

Promoting Healthy Lifestyles:

- Promoting positive mental wellbeing & reducing social isolation
- Supporting emotional health & wellbeing of children and young people

- Increasing physical activity

Supporting Access to Effective Health and Social Care:

- Assisting people with limiting long term conditions
- Supporting the Integrated Care Agenda to reduce hospital admissions
- Reducing hospital stays for self/alcohol related harm

2.2 The impact of COVID-19 continues to be felt on activities delivered in 2021/22. Further information as to how the activities have adapted are included within the table in Section 2.3.

2.3 The following projects have been delivered during 2021/22 and progress achieved during the year is reported in the table below. The current years Locality Plan and previous years funding has been utilised to support these activities:

PRIORITY	PROJECT	UPDATE
Starting Well	<p>Young People Personal Development</p> <p><i>Support for young people at risk of self-harm. Broadened to include students affected by the impact of COVID-19.</i></p> <p>£12,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 116 students supported during 2020/21 academic year. • The traditional format of 1 to 1 and drop in sessions resumed during 2021. • Still an increase in students requiring more than 6 sessions of support with anxiety and fear for family affected by COVID-19. • Activity is now fully funded by all three senior schools in the District, this activity no longer requires HNED funding.
	<p>Raising Aspirations</p> <p><i>Programme of working with year 10 students to reduce number of young people not in education or employment once they leave school.</i></p> <p>Directly funded by DCC Public Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Managed by Bolsover Partnership behalf of the County. • 26 students support since April 2021 through the North East Derbyshire Support Centre (pupils not in mainstream education). • Delay to start of project for due to COVID-19.
	<p>The Hub Hangout</p> <p><i>Providing a safe space for primary school aged children in year 6 to promote mental health and wellbeing.</i></p> <p>£5,310</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering during 2021/22 academic year, 19 children have attended sessions so far. Each child attending a 6 week block of sessions. • Support workers use arts and crafts to promote positive mental health and wellbeing. • Children have access to a Counsellor in an informal setting.

Healthy Living	<p>Small Grants Scheme</p> <p><i>Improve physical & mental health and build community capacity (social capital)</i></p> <p>£10,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This year has seen a noted increase in applications with 8 grants awarded to groups across the District. • Beneficiaries include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Care home residents supported to write letters to others, promoting social connections and reducing loneliness. - Support for the deaf community with in-house visits and assisted walks to help reduce social isolation and build confidence to go out again. - Young people by engaging them in sport and physical activity, increasing social interaction in a positive way. - Individuals and families engaging with free arts and crafts in an outdoor setting to improve wellbeing and mental health.
	<p>Community Development Worker</p> <p>Providing support to communities to build capacity and improve health and wellbeing</p> <p>£30,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27 registered Community Health Champions (CHCs) although many volunteers unable to help their communities through their usual roles due to COVID-19. • CDW continued to provide support and relay positive health messages and information. • In response to post COVID-19 recovery, the focus of the role changed to support groups returning and enabling them to grow and sustain. • Established contact with 19 groups and initiatives across the District during spring 2021 which included raising the profile of these group to increase members and build in sustainability. • Provided critical friend role to a new initiative led by a volunteer looking to set up advice for residents regarding scams. • Assisted Wingerworth Men Sheds to find suitable premises for the group to have a permanent base. • Leading on planning and delivery of Together Events. Series of events aim at linking residents with agencies and organisations to improve health and wellbeing.
	<p>Employment & Training Initiatives</p> <p><i>Supporting vulnerable people into training and employment.</i></p> <p>Core NEDDC resource/external funds</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working Communities project supporting 38 residents to assist with pre-employment activities. • 8 people supported into employment with a further 3 awaiting job interviews.

	<p>NEDDC Work Well</p> <p><i>Workplace health initiatives for NEDDC staff.</i></p> <p>£1,435</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term project due end in March 2022. • 2019 had seen well attended lunchtime yoga sessions, talks on nutrition, mental health and fitness activities. • Due to COVID-19 all workplace sessions were placed on hold. Information on health and wellbeing regularly posted on the Extranet for staff. • Final menopause workshops to be delivered by the end of March.
	<p>5 Ways to Wellbeing: Communications Plan</p> <p><i>Communications plan aimed at raising awareness of 5 Ways to Wellbeing</i></p> <p>£5,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing project: Previous years had seen an information video produced, Let's Get Talking campaign launched and information packs awarded 16 organisations who applied for a small grants of £100. • Future activity includes sending mental health support information to schools. • Delivered by DCC direct.
	<p>Walking into Communities</p> <p><i>Reducing social isolation for all ages using physical activities targeting Clay Cross.</i></p> <p>£20,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building on the success of the first two years of the project, HNEF funding was used to extend the project to July 2023. • The Officer runs a variety of socially engaging sessions, focused on physical activity in Clay Cross. • Activities include walking, online book club for those unable to leave the home, new parent and child music group and water wellbeing group. • 56 residents currently registered with new people joining each quarter. • The project also plays a key role in delivering interactive walks for families including Love Exploring through the use of interactive smart phones apps. 22 families took part in Halloween themed event in October 2021.
	<p>Feeling Connected</p> <p><i>Joint project with Chesterfield Health and Wellbeing Partnership to reduce social isolation and improve wellbeing.</i></p> <p>£53,750</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project has now been extended March 2023 using additional ring-fenced funding from Public Health. • Steering Group established in 2019 which oversaw a mapping exercise with the aim of understanding which parts of the District were affected the most by social isolation. • During 2020/21 an action plan was developed which highlighted activities required to break down the digital divide, building confidence to connect and engage with young people. • Project funded through this work included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Digital devices and digital support for vulnerable adults with learning disabilities. - Online and in-person support for young people with learning disabilities and autism to help reduce social isolation. - Doorstep befriending.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outdoor activities to help build confidence. - Online music sessions to help reduce social isolation. • The Feeling Connected brand was developed and Feeling Connected Week was promoted in October 2021 which had social media engagements totalling 4,896. • The project also saw the appointment of a dedicated Social Connectedness Development Worker to support individuals break down social isolation barriers.
	<p>Keeping Everyone In</p> <p><i>Building on the work to find accommodation for homeless people supported through the first lockdown.</i></p> <p>£4,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County wide initiative to support homeless people with complex needs housed during the first national lockdown. • The County wide scheme is led by DCC, local authorities and key partner agencies. • 25 people from NED have been supported through this project which is higher than the 20 expected. • 7 people were supported into moving into temporary accommodation.
	<p>Reducing Stigma Around Mental Health</p> <p><i>Promoting positive mental wellbeing and reducing the stigma of mental health issues.</i></p> <p>£1,550</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC allocated ring-fenced funding to support activity which looks to reduce the stigma around mental health. • Development led by Public Health at DCC which has yet to be determined.
	<p>Financial Inclusion</p> <p><i>Joint Chesterfield, NED and Bolsover Group created to increase financial inclusion for residents.</i></p> <p>£8,500</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group focus on improved communication between Partners to help residents experiencing financial difficulties and other wider determinants of health. • Combined pot of funding available to support identified activities for the forthcoming year.
Healthy Ageing	<p>Vulnerable Adults Risk Management (VARM) Discretionary Fund</p> <p><i>Supporting vulnerable people to live independently.</i></p> <p>£10,000</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is an ongoing project where funding is dedicated to paying for services the main VARM fund cannot support. For example house clearance, skip hire and contract cleaning for vulnerable people who are at a high risk of a fire in the home due to hoarding. • Two residents have received support so far this year. • It is expected that more people will require VARM intervention over the next year.

	<p>Digital Connect</p> <p><i>Free digital training aimed at people aged 50+ to build digital confidence, access key services, reduce social isolation and maintain independence in the home.</i></p> <p>£59,903</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two year project commencing in July 2021. • Key aim to build digital confidence and skills to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go online safety - Use computer / tablet / phone - Use of email, online banking and shopping - Using social media and interacting with friends and family online. • Training provided using a variety of channels including face to face, telephone and other digital channels. • 41 residents have undertaken the training so far with 17 reporting a noted increase in digital confidence. • Tablet loaning scheme available for those without access to equipment.
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2.4 Links with other Partnerships and Groups

2.4.1 The HNED Partnership has been a members of the Joint Chesterfield, North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Financial Inclusion Group since 2019. The aim is to bring together key organisations and agencies across the three areas to help residents become more financially included. Led by DCC Public Health, membership is broad and includes service leads from all four local authorities, Department for Work and Pensions and representatives of the voluntary sector including Citizens Advice, Derbyshire Law Centre, Rural Action Derbyshire and Credit Union. The group continues to work together to share knowledge and experiences to enable residents to access to support and information relating to financial matters, health and family services.

2.4.2 The HNED Partnership is also represented at the North East Derbyshire and Bolsover Place Alliance. Attended by senior officers and strategic partners, this group has made it easier to engage with the Clinical Commissioning Group and other clinically focused services. Three work streams have been established to link in organisations delivering the Ageing Well, Mental Health and Physical Activity Agenda's. The Place Alliance is also linking in with the Integrated Care System (ICS). The ICS will be the new statutory body that formally builds on the existing partnership arrangements operated between the NHS and Councils. They will co-ordinate both health and care services across an area to join up care, better support the prevention of ill health, reduce health inequalities and improve healthy life expectancy.

2.4.3 The Mental Health Sub Group is represented by agencies and organisations connected to or delivering mental health services. North East Derbyshire, together with Derbyshire Dales and Chesterfield, have been selected to be part of the 'next wave' of the Living Well Programme. The key aim is to build a multi-disciplinary and cross sector team to deliver mental health services. The Mental Health Sub Group is well placed to provide specialist knowledge and inform the way the Living Well Team is established for North Derbyshire. The group have heard personal stories from residents sharing their experiences of accessing mental health services in the past. These experiences are being fed into the Living Well Programme and the Sub Group will continue to collaborate in 2022/23.

- 2.5 The HNED Locality Plan for 2022/24 will be updated to reflect new priorities identified by Public Health and the Partnership over the next two years. However, the overarching priority of supporting older people, those with long-term conditions and maintaining independence in the home will continue to be the priority for the Partnership.
- 2.6 A key piece of work for the Partnership in 2022 is establishing a project supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people. Public Health funding has been awarded to develop a preventative approach that enables the expansion of mental health awareness, promotion of protective factors, early identification, early intervention and support using a place-based approach. In collaboration with Bolsover Health Partnership, a tender process is underway which is looking to appoint an experienced organisation or consortium deliver this activity over a two year period.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 The Partnership approach has continued to evolve with key issues being tackled collaboratively, with transparency and effectiveness.
- 3.2 That this approach enables external resources to be utilise for residents to benefit from health and wellbeing initiatives.
- 3.3 This approach does not directly impact on Council budgets and is fully funded by DCC Public Health.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 The option to 'do nothing' and not utilise the external funding could have a negative impact on North East Derbyshire residents. The established relationships and proven track record demonstrates that the HNED Partnership is a robust vehicle to deliver health initiatives across the District.
- 4.2 To provide this support in-house using Council budgets is not an option as no additional resources have been identified or are available.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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