



# DIRECTORATE REPORT TO BUSINESS EXECUTIVE TEAM AND BOARD

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| <b>Directorate:</b>                          | Health and Wellbeing |
| <b>Executive Lead:</b>                       | Jim McManus          |
| <b>Reporting Month:</b>                      | February 2024        |
| <b>Business Executive Team Meeting Date:</b> | 20 March 2024        |
| <b>Board Meeting Date:</b>                   | 28 March 2024        |

## Overview of Key Activities During the Month

### Public Health Collaborative System Leadership

- Work has started on scoping relationships and ways of working between Directors of Public Health and us. Fiona Kinghorn, recently retired from Executive DPH role at Cardiff and Vale, is working between PHW and DsPH to co-create relationships, principles for working and shared priorities for us.

### Primary Care Division:

#### Dental Public Health

- Outputs from the recent [child dental health inspection programme](#) of school year one (five year old) children across Wales in 2022/2023 published. There has been interest in the findings of the survey generating discussions within Health Boards.
- The Dental Public Health team have analysed paediatric referrals made by general dental services and collated data from Health Boards on number of children receiving dental care under general anaesthesia. The team have engaged with key stakeholders including the Chief Dental Officer for Wales in relation to our possible recommendations. PHW will publish this report by end of March 2024.
- Regular meetings and engagements with Health Boards in relation to Dental Epidemiology Programme and Designed to Smile held.
- Support to the cluster peer-review discussions, to strengthen the collation and analysis of evidence from the examples of work submitted against the PCMW and ACD outcomes.

#### Working towards a preventive and sustainable health care system

- Continued development of the planning portal for cluster working. Health Inequalities in Primary Care draft Framework and Primary Care Inclusion Health work presented to the NHS Health Inequalities Board.
- Further development of cardiovascular disease prevention programme, including scoping workstreams under Steering Group, including a workstream on 'Blood Pressure Optimisation'.
- Met with University College of London partners to discuss application of 'Size of the Prize' work to Wales.
- Completed draft infographic for Prevention-Based Health and Care and further section of draft PBHC report completed.
- Inputted prevention perspective into discussion at Rheumaps workshop on musculoskeletal health in Wales.

#### Diabetes and primary care

- Progressed development of diabetes audit plus module capturing AWDPP activity.

## **Health Improvement Division:**

### ***Healthy Education Settings***

- Meetings have been held with all Education focused grant recipients this month which has been a helpful arena for engagement on future direction with the system and an opportunity to highlight key challenges and opportunities
- The Health Promoting Schools Programme Board has approved the Minimum Standards implementation plan
- The Curriculum Development Programme of work has received positive feedback on the initial outputs from a range of stakeholders and the Programme Board we hope to extend this work for a further year
- As of 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 98% of schools with secondary aged learners in Wales were engaged with Whole School Approach to Mental and Emotional Wellbeing (WSAEMWB) programme, 88% had completed/commenced self-evaluations and 69% were action planning for emotional wellbeing within their schools.
- An update on proposals for integration of the (WSAEMWB) and the Welsh Network of Health and Wellbeing Promoting Schools was presented to the Ministerial Oversight Board and will form the basis of advice to the Ministers for formal agreement on the direction of travel

### ***Early Years***

- The work of the First 1000 days programme was showcased at the launch of the West Wales Maternity and Early Years Strategy.
- An online survey to understand how the early years data available in Wales meets the needs of stakeholders was launched.

### ***Healthy Work***

- Employer webinars, 3<sup>rd</sup> EDI series held on 7 February.
- Met with HSE to develop the Working Minds webinar adapted for Wales.

### ***Making Every Contact Count***

- Following meetings with Welsh Government and the Making Every Contact Count (MECC) National Working Group, an agreement has been reached to support the development of a bespoke module for all Health Board employees who are due to commence post within the single point of contact team for the 3 x P's (Promote, prevent and prepare for planned care) initiative.

## **Wider Determinants of Health Unit:**

### ***Work with PSBs***

- Developing Shaping Places for Well-being in Wales Programme:
  - Engaged Public Services Boards on programme and its intended themes as part of national event in Wrexham on 22 February
  - Third advisory board meeting held to plan launch events
  - Appointment to all programme positions

### ***Cross-Organisational Work on Wider Determinants***

- In collaboration with other teams:
  - Cross-organisational work developing road map for long term strategy on wider determinants of health
  - Talking about wider determinants of health multi-agency workshop with FrameWorks UK, to explore importance of how we tell the story about the wider determinants of health and how we can work together to develop and use that story for action that improves health and reduces inequalities
  - Board development session on health inequalities
  - Development and distribution of survey of Building a Healthier Wales

### ***Child Poverty***

- Case studies on reducing child poverty finalised. Publication 19<sup>th</sup> March.

- Task and Finish group underway as part of discovery phase for work on family finances and child poverty prevention and meeting to create action plan this month.

## Successes

### Primary Care Division:

- **Dental Workforce Modelling:** Dental public health team and HEIW will be using a new needs-based approach to workforce modelling to contribute to the new workforce plan will have a new way of doing workforce modelling needs-based workforce modelling. This is now likely to be included in the HEIW's IMTP 2024/25 but ongoing engagement required.
- **Improving primary care:** Received endorsement from the Strategic Programme Board for roll out of the cluster self-reflection process. The cluster self-reflection process will measure the maturity of cluster working against the Primary Care Model for Wales (PCMW) and Accelerated Cluster Development (ACD) outcomes and will complement the cluster peer review discussions, currently taking place across Wales.

### Health Improvement Division:

- **Active School Travel Pilots :** The Active School Travel (AST) –Place Based Approach pilot project has already generated several AST improvement actions across two secondary schools that have been undertaken by the respective local authorities. These improvement actions would not have been identified without the pilot project
- **Welsh Rugby Union and Alcohol use:** Welsh Rugby Union, influenced by the team, are holding an "Integrity Symposium" to look at the role of alcohol in rugby in Wales.

### Wider Determinants of Health Unit:

- Public Health Network Cymru collaborative virtual events:
  - Greener Primary Care: how can primary and community care continue the journey towards environmental sustainability and net zero? (98 attendees)
  - Spatial planning, public health and health service policies: opportunities for improving health and addressing inequalities (68 attendees)
  - A participatory systems mapping approach to exploring education achievement in Wales – a reflection on theory and practice (72 attendees)
- **Shaping Places for Well-being in Wales** Ministerial (Finance and Local Authority) endorsement for the programme at national PSB event 22 Feb

## Any Concerns being managed:

### Primary Care Division:

- Annual Quality Assurance Self-assessment for dental services (QAS) in Wales was migrated to a new secured platform (Caforb) by DHCW. Currently dental practices are completing their self-assessment and there has been a number of technical issues reported by a number of practices which are related to the new platform. Deadline for completion has been extended for two weeks. Issues have also been highlighted by Health Boards re lack of functionalities for them to analyse and prepare reports. The newer version should have these functionalities.
- Systematic process for 1 year follow-up HbA1c blood tests in General Medical Services practices in AWDPP clusters

### Health Improvement Division:

- There have been a number of queries in relation to Information Governance in relation to the roll out of the new HIPAS system for the National Exercise Referral Programme, these are currently being resolved.

**Wider Determinants of Health Unit:**

- Delays in recruiting are having a continued impact on workload, with prioritisation of Shaping Places for Well-being work by team

**Forward Look of key activities for next month****Primary Care Division:****Dental Public Health**

- Two multistakeholder co-production workshops have been organised on the 12/03/2024 and 24/04/2024 by the dental public health team to understand the type of population level data that our key stakeholders want in terms of oral health and dental services in Wales. The workshops will also explore the best way to provide and communicate the population data to key stakeholders in Wales.
- Ongoing engagement with key stakeholders to understand likely Quality and Safety System for dentistry in Wales following introduction of new dental contract and other changes e.g. provisional registration of overseas dentists by the General Dental Council (UK).

**Primary Care**

- Ongoing work to scope a suite of key indicators to measure the progress of cluster working towards the Primary Care Model for Wales and A Healthier Wales.
- Ongoing support to the cluster peer-review process, including gathering feedback on the current process to ensure future cycles are strengthened.
- Engagement with the Cluster Development Support Officer Network to gather insight on their evaluation needs.
- Health Inclusion Tier 2 specification and programme of work and work to develop a Primary Care Health Inequalities Framework presented to the national Health Inequalities Programme Board.

**Value-based healthcare**

- Key Note speaker presentation at the Wales Health Science Conference on '*Role of technology in supporting prevention as part of value-based healthcare.*'

**Obesity and Diabetes Prevention**

- Scoping communication outputs for postnatal obesity prevention work and scoping gestational diabetes pathway to the All Wales Diabetes Prevention Programme and links to postnatal obesity prevention work.
- Establishing workstreams under CVD Prevention Steering Group.

**Social Prescribing**

- Supporting development of core dataset as part of National Framework for Social Prescribing and finalise the protocol for supporting financial wellbeing through social prescribing scoping review.

**Health Improvement Division: *Healthy Schools***

- A rapid review of the latest evidence to update the food and nutrient based standards for school food Regulations in Wales, completed by our Public Health Nutritionists, will be published on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**Wider Determinants of Health: *Partnerships with PSBs and System***

- Publication of Cost-of-Living Case Studies report on behalf of BAHW Coordination Group (19th March)
- Publication of Shaping Places for Well-being for Wales programme animation and webpage, seeking expressions of interest from Public Services Board colleagues
- Public Health Network Cymru: Building blocks for gender equity: Strategies for a prosperous future for women in Wales
- Continued cross-organisational work on road map for wider determinants of health