

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - 27th July 2016

Title of paper:	Nottingham Memorandum of Understanding	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		X
Community Services		<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		X
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input type="checkbox"/>
Relevant Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priority:		
Healthy Nottingham - Preventing alcohol misuse		<input type="checkbox"/>
Integrated care - Supporting older people		X
Early Intervention - Improving mental health		X
Changing culture and systems - Priority Families		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users and contribution to improving health & wellbeing and reducing inequalities):		
<p>This report seeks to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board about the development of the Nottingham Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and put forward proposals for implementation of the accompanying action plan.</p> <p>The report seeks the Health and Wellbeing Board approval of the document and a mandate to proceed with the facilitation of a renewed health and housing partnership group whose purpose is to coordinate delivery of the action plan.</p> <p>Key actions taken from the MoU are embedded within the action plan for the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy and seek to deliver the 'housing' action under Outcome four (Nottingham's environment will be sustainable – supporting and enabling its citizens to have good health and wellbeing).</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the drivers for the development of a Nottingham Memorandum of Understanding, including the need for further integration of health, housing and social care services to support the delivery of positive health and wellbeing outcomes for citizens.	

2	To endorse the Memorandum of Understanding and encourage members to fully commit to supporting the delivery of the action plan.
3	To support a renewed Health and Housing Partnership Group to take responsibility for coordinating the implementation of the action plan and report back to the Environment Outcome Group of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
4	To sponsor the local and national launch of the Nottingham Memorandum of Understanding.
<p>How will these recommendations champion mental health and wellbeing in line with the Health and Wellbeing Board aspiration to give equal value to mental health and physical health ('parity of esteem'):</p> <p>The MoU has been developed with equal consideration to how housing provision and services can support both the mental and physical health and wellbeing needs of Nottingham citizens.</p> <p>The membership of the Health and Housing Partnership Group has been refreshed to ensure there is appropriate representation from colleagues involved in mental health service development and delivery.</p>	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Endorsement of the MoU by the Health and Wellbeing Board and its members and establishment of the Health & Housing Partnership Group will:

- 1.1 Raise awareness of the positive contribution that housing and housing related support makes to improve the mental and physical health and wellbeing of Nottingham citizens.
- 1.2 Drive integration of health, housing and social care services in order to maximise delivery, outcomes and efficiency.
- 1.3 Highlight the role of housing and support in the early intervention and preventative agenda and in reducing the demand for more expensive primary and secondary health and social care interventions (including hospital and residential care).
- 1.4 Highlight best practice and emerging solutions provided by housing service providers as a contribution that maximises the impact from housing as part of the 'wider health workforce'.
- 1.5 Ensure that housing is a key contributor to identifying and reducing health inequalities between areas, social and cultural groups
- 1.6 Help those who commission services to consider the role housing and support has in improving the mental and physical health outcomes for citizens when services are commissioned (both through single and pooled budgets).
- 1.7 Promote how housing can support communities and citizens play their part in contributing to healthier and happier lives, strategies and activities.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 In December 2014, twenty leading national health and housing organisations (including the DCLG, Homeless Link, Department of Health and the Chartered Institute of Housing) came together under the coordination of the ADASS Housing Policy Network to sign up to a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) to identify and support joint actions for improving health

through the home. The development of the national document was led by Public Health England.

- 2.2 In May 2015 a jointly authored report (developed by Nottingham City Homes and NCC Housing Strategy with input from NCC Public Health and NCC Environmental Health) was presented at the Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board. The report:
- Highlighted the link between poor housing conditions and options and poor health and wellbeing outcomes
 - Identified the contribution housing services can make to improve mental and physical health outcomes for Nottingham citizens
 - Gave examples of local good practice partnership initiatives between local health and housing
 - Outlined the need for closer integration of health, social care and housing.
- 2.3 The report contained a recommendation for a locally focussed MoU to be developed and owned by the Health and Housing Partnership with subsequent emerging recommendations presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board. This action was agreed at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in May 2015.
- 2.4 To progress the development of the draft, a task group led by the Director of Housing Services at Nottingham City Homes was set up in October 2015 with representatives from NCC Housing Strategy, NCC Environmental Health, NCC Public Health, City Care, Nottingham City CCG and various voluntary sector providers. Local strategic groups such as the Homelessness Prevention Strategy Implementation Group also inputted into the development of the draft. The draft Memorandum of Understanding was completed and made available for consultation in May 2016.
- 2.5 The outcome the Nottingham MoU aspires to deliver is for citizens to report that they are healthier, happier and live independently for longer. This will be achieved by a focus on the following objectives:
1. Integrating health, social care and housing services;
 2. Maximising the impact from housing as part of the 'wider health workforce';
 3. Maximising the housing contribution to reducing health inequalities, between areas, social and cultural groups;
 4. Further developing the housing sectors role in reducing demand for health and social care services
 5. Communities and citizens playing their part in contributing to healthier and happier lives, strategies and activities
- 2.6 The task group agreed the need for an action plan containing five key priority areas to deliver the MoU outcome and objectives
1. Evidencing the need for (and impact of) integrated health, social care and housing interventions
 2. Collectively developing efficient and innovative working practices, where relevant information is shared, joint activities are undertaken and funding opportunities are maximised.
 3. Ensuring homes in the private sector are safe, well managed and help to protect the health and wellbeing of residents.
 4. Developing the financial resilience of Nottingham citizens
 5. Enabling local partners to identify and fulfil their role in homelessness prevention as well as meeting the health and wellbeing needs of homeless people.
- 2.7 Key actions taken from the Memorandum of Understanding are embedded within the action plan for the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy and seek to deliver the 'housing' priority under Outcome four (Nottingham's environment will be sustainable – supporting and enabling its citizens to have good health and wellbeing).

- 2.8 The housing priority under Outcome four is that:
Housing will maximise the benefit and minimise the risk to health of Nottingham's citizens through:
- Work with housing providers to support people to live healthy lifestyles, keep well and live supported at home when unwell
 - Improving housing standards and supporting vulnerable people who may be at risk of becoming homeless.
- 2.9 A renewed Health and Housing Partnership Group will oversee the delivery of the actions within this priority area (as well as the additional actions included in the Memorandum of Understanding action plan). The Memorandum of Understanding action plan is to form the basis of the workplan of the Health and Housing Partnership Group and reporting, discussion, change planning and recommendation setting will be timetabled into the agendas for the meetings.
- 2.10 The Health and Housing Partnership Group will be renewed with a revised Terms of Reference and broader but targeted membership of key stakeholders who can collectively drive delivery of the action plan. It is proposed that the Health and Housing Partnership Group will report to the Environment Outcomes Group as well as directly back to the Health and Wellbeing Board for strategic oversight accountability, scrutiny and added value. A member of the Health and Wellbeing Board will lead as the chair of this partnership.
- 2.11 The Nottingham Memorandum of Understanding was released for consultation throughout May 2016 and up to 20th June 2016. Methods of consultation included an online survey, discussion at relevant groups and forums and targeted one-to-one dialogue with key stakeholders.
- 2.12 Respondents to the online survey included; citizens, victim support, Chartered Institute of Housing, Portfolio Holder for planning and housing, Advice Nottingham, NCVS, Nottingham Homeless Health team, Nottingham city Signposting Service, NCC Adaptation and Renewal team, HACT as well as various independent housing, health and homelessness consultants.
- 2.13 Overall, the feedback suggested that the draft was well received and welcomed. Stakeholders agreed that the priority areas were appropriate and were keen to ensure that the action plan was implemented. There were suggestions for additional insertions to the document including the following:
- How to promote better working with the eight Care Delivery Groups in Nottingham
 - Exploring the opportunities for funding activities from the Better Care Fund
 - Ensuring alignment with the emerging Sustainability and Transformation Plan
 - Consideration of how to integrate housing into the two New Models of Care Vanguards operating in Nottingham City and County
 - Further actions concerning skilling the workforce through integrated training opportunities
 - Elaboration on the role of Registered Providers of social housing
 - Further focus on mental health
- 2.14 The consultation draft has now been amended to reflect the points raised during the consultation process and a final draft is available at Appendix (i).
- 2.15 The Nottingham Memorandum of Understanding has received acknowledgement from Public Health England as the first localised version in the country. This has been highlighted to the Department of Health and we have been asked to attend the National Memorandum of Understanding Signatories meeting to share our experience. Additionally, the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) are highlighting our version to

other local authority areas as an example of good practice and we have been invited to run a workshop at a Chartered Institute of Housing conference in October 2016.

- 2.16 An official launch event will be planned and scheduled for early Autumn 2016. This will allow for partners at all levels across the health, housing, social care and support sectors to recognise their role in the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding. The publicity will also bring opportunities for further promotion of Nottingham as a lead nationally in the strategic integration of housing with health and social care.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Not applicable (report does not contain financial decisions).

5. LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No

X

An EIA is not required because the Memorandum of Understanding has been purposefully developed to contain actions that ensure the comprehensive identification and action to address local needs. This includes specifically targeting attention and activity to address the needs of the nine protected characteristic groups and other vulnerable people including people who are threatened with homelessness, households experiencing financial difficulties and emerging communities.

7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 8.1 A Memorandum Of Understanding to support joint action on improving health through the home, ADASS Housing Policy Network, December 2014 [Link](#)
- 8.2 Housing's contribution to the Health and Wellbeing Agenda, Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board Report, 27 May 2015 [Link](#)