

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD Agenda Item No. 8(c)

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TITLE OF REPORT	Dudley's Approach to Reducing Health Inequalities
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Purpose	To agree Dudley's approach to reducing health inequalities which will be embedded through the delivery of the new strategy.
Background	At its March meeting the HWB Board agreed that focussing on neighbourhoods with the greatest needs would underpin its work across the three new strategy goals. This report is the beginning of work to describe and agree an evidence-based approach that can be implemented across all goals. It was presented at the Dudley Joint Boards Away Day in April.
Key Points	The purpose of the report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To have a shared understanding of health inequalities in Dudley • Sets out proposed approach to reducing health inequalities based on evidence of "what works" • Provides some practical suggestions for taking this forward in Dudley <p>The appendix provides some further details and case studies from across Dudley.</p>

Emerging issues for discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are HWB Board members supportive of this approach? • Are there specific aspects of the approach that HWB Board members would like us to focus on in year 1 of the strategy?
Key asks of the Board/wider system	<p>The Board is asked to agree the approach.</p>
Contribution to H&WBB key goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving school readiness • Reducing circulatory disease deaths • More women screened for breast cancer 	<p>The report describes the approach to reducing health inequalities that will underpin delivery for all of these goals.</p>
Contribution to Dudley Vision 2030	<p>Directly contributes to Dudley being a place of healthy, resilient, safe communities with high aspirations and the ability to shape their own future and the 2030 goal of improved health outcomes and higher wellbeing.</p>

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