

REPORT FOR DECISION

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DECISION OF:	Health and Wellbeing Board
DATE:	19 June 2014
SUBJECT:	GM Working Well Pilot
REPORT FROM:	Tracey Flynn
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TYPE OF DECISION:	For Decision by the Committee Endorse and Support the Working Well Health Protocol
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	To support and endorse the GM Health Protocol that is an integral part of the successful deliver of the Greater Manchester Working Well Pilot
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	That the Health and Wellbeing Board: Supports and endorses the Working Well Pilot in Bury and approves the content of the Health Protocol
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework?
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	Executive Director of Resources to advise regarding risk management
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	Any comments will be reported at the meeting.

Equality/Diversity implications:	
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	Any comments will be reported at the meeting.
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	

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DIRECTOR:

Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Executive Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
Scrutiny Committee	Committee	Council	

1.0 Purpose of the Report

To inform the Bury Health and Wellbeing Board about the Greater Manchester Public Service Reform – Working Well (formally known as Work Programme Leavers) initiative and its alignment with the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

To note the alignment of the WW to relevant priorities in the Bury’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

To seek the Board’s agreement to the WW Health Protocol (attached) and clarity on how this might be operationalised in Bury.

2.0 Background

2.1 Tackling worklessness and issues of low skills levels is a key part of the Greater Manchester Strategy, Stronger Together. The drive to enable economic growth, build resilient and self reliant communities is key to the Public Service Reform agenda. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy also recognises these areas as key to achieving good mental and physical health and wellbeing. The WW initiative directly contributes to Team Bury’s priority area of facilitating a stronger local economy and reducing worklessness. These shared priorities provide a stimulus for joint working to develop innovative working models across workstreams and partners.

2.2 Working Well was announced by the Chancellor in October 2013 and is the main activity under the Work and Skills theme of the PSR programme. WWL is strategically important because success could lead to greater GM influence and control over future public spending in areas such as welfare and public service reform. A key part of the work is a robust evaluation to provide evidence to

government of the success of the pilot compared to a 'business as usual' model which will be a controlled assessment of another location outside GM.

- 2.3 WW is a high profile, co-funded and co-commissioned pilot between AGMA and Whitehall, designed to tackle persistently high levels of workless residents in Greater Manchester.
- 2.4 Bury Council has committed to supporting the Working Well cohort through involvement in the Local Implementation Plan, aligning budgets and reprioritising resources where appropriate.
- 2.5 The WW initiative is designed for Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), Work Related Activity Group (WRAG) claimants who have exited the national Work Programme after two years and not secured employment. The ESA WRAG group is for claimants who the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) consider will be capable of work at some time in the future and who are capable of taking steps towards moving into work (work-related activities) immediately.
- 2.6 A key worker model will provide WWL participants with up to two years support towards gaining sustained employment. Participants who move into employment will also receive a year of ongoing support, helping ensure job starts become sustained employment.
- 2.7 The contract with WWL providers will provide them with access to prioritised, coordinated and sequenced local services, ensuring key workers are able to access the right services at the right time when developing bespoke packages of support. Given the nature of the barriers to work faced by WW participants, access to health as well as skills related interventions will be a critical success factor in achieving the desired outcomes of the programme.

3.0 Issues

- 3.1 By the nature of this particular cohort, individuals that are referred to this provision will have one or more health related issues. At a GM level the WW Programme Board supported by the WW Programme Office are developing key GM protocols for health, housing, skills and employment. The intention is that the protocols will be signed off by the appropriate GM strategic boards but translating intent into action will require local ownership. At GM level the protocols are being progressed through the following forums:

- GM CCGs
- GM Health and Wellbeing Board
- GM Health and Wellbeing Board Conveners network

Health and Wellbeing Leaders across organisations have been asked to support this pilot. The Board are asked to consider the WW Health Protocol and to agree to support this activity as a key priority.

- 3.2 The key commitments are:

- Putting in place the range of interventions across relevant service areas and provide the scope to reprioritise a proportion of these services for WW
- Support to ensure sequencing will take place and support coordinated intervention

- identify opportunities to influence future services
- ensure existing responsibilities, prioritisation and integration take account of cohort requirements
- share data with partners

4.0 Conclusion

Working Well complements the work of the Board and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and promotes partnership arrangements for Health and Social Care Services. The robust evaluation that tracks the WW activity will be a valuable resource for informing and shaping future integrated health and social care models of delivery to people with complex needs

List of Background Papers:-

Work Programme Draft Health Protocol



140221 WPL protocol
health to Feb Board.

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