

LONDON HEALTH BOARD

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1. Purpose of this paper

- 1.1. This paper updates LHB on progress since the London Health Inequalities Strategy (HIS) was launched in October 2018 and next steps.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Board members are invited to note the update and consider how they can support the implementation of the Strategy.

3. Context

- 3.1. The London Health Inequalities Strategy was laid before the Assembly on 3 September and was publicly launched on 17 October 2018, alongside the *Healthy Early Years London* programme at an early years centre in Merton.
- 3.2. The HIS sets an ambition for improvement over a ten-year timetable, with annual reporting on progress and a review in 2021. The LHB has been engaged in the development of the HIS since 2016 and has received regular progress updates. The Board has lent its support and provided strategic direction on priorities, alignment with local work and initiatives that would benefit from citywide leadership for example social prescribing, planning, making best use of data and evidence, and delivering the health and care devolution agreement. The LHB has also supported stakeholder engagement and the public consultation. In recognition that many of the levers for addressing the wider determinants of health are not within the Mayor's gift, the Board endorsed the ambition for a London 'system strategy' that goes beyond the GLA and public sector to include business, charities and communities. An implementation plan has been published (section 4.6) which sets out the Mayor's commitments and opportunities for partnership work.

4. Progress overview

Development

- 4.1. The HIS has been developed with strong engagement from stakeholders. The development of the HIS was overseen by a specifically convened multi-agency steering group and with input from the London Prevention Partnership Board (LPPB). The draft HIS was published for public consultation Aug-Nov 2017.

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Overview

- 4.2. The Strategy has five themes – each with an overarching aim, a set of objectives, and a key Mayoral ambition (see table):

Theme	Aim	Mayor's Ambition
Healthy Children	that every London child has a healthy start in life	to ensure the widespread adoption of the Healthy Early Years Programme London, particularly in the most deprived communities
Healthy Minds	that all Londoners share in a city with the best mental health in the world	for more Londoners to be trained in mental health first aid informed approaches, starting with young Londoners
Healthy Places	that all Londoners benefit from an environment and economy that promotes good mental and physical health	for London to have the best air quality of any major global city. He wants the quickest progress to be made in the most polluted places, benefitting people most vulnerable to the effects of air pollution
Healthy Communities	that all of London's diverse communities are healthy and thriving	to support more Londoners in vulnerable or deprived communities to benefit from social prescribing
Healthy Living	that the healthy choice is the easy choice for all Londoners	that all Londoners are doing the physical activity they need on a daily basis to stay healthy, with efforts focused on supporting the most inactive

Health in all policies

- 4.3. The Strategy focusses on the wider determinants of health and is underpinned by a 'health in all policies' approach. This involves ensuring health and specifically health inequalities are reflected in, and considered by, all the GLA strategies. There are health commitments in Planning, Housing, Economic Development, Transport, Environment, Policing and Crime, Culture, as well as in non-statutory strategies.

Partnership

- 4.4. Achieving these aims will require action from a wide range people and organisations including health and care services, a range of local government services, the voluntary and community sector, businesses, and of course Londoners themselves. The Mayor recognises the challenges that partners are experiencing and has highlighted the pressures public services are under as a barrier to improving health inequalities.
- 4.5. The GLA Act stipulates that the Mayor should 'describe the role to be performed by any relevant body or person for the purpose of implementing the strategy'. The Mayor makes a number of commitments in the HIS, around his own work, and partnership work. These are framed at the end of each chapter, as:
- What the Mayor will do to deliver change
 - What the Mayor will do to support change
 - Priorities to be led by external partners.

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Implementation plan

- 4.6. The Mayor published an implementation plan alongside the strategy, which outlines the actions he has committed to over the next two years, as well as flagging key areas for partnership work, and priority areas for partner leadership. The implementation plan will be reported on and updated annually. It will include:
- current Mayoral actions (including those owned by other GLA strategy areas, reflecting health in all policies approach),
 - five Key Performance Indicators, selected to measure progress against the ambitions;
 - partnership opportunities and priority 'asks' of partners;
 - a set of population health inequality indicators, to track progress on population-level health inequalities during the life of the strategy.

Governance

- 4.7. The LHB endorsed the HIS as a London strategy. The London Prevention Partnership Board (LPPB a sub-board of the LHB) will be supporting the mobilisation of the strategy over the coming months. A paper on this was discussed by the LPPB on 12th November and next steps agreed, including that Board members would nominate officers in their organisation (across the partnership) to act as 'mobilisers' of the HIS. It is planned this group will lead on the development of a Partnership Implementation Plan (mirroring the Mayor's HIS implementation plan), and a series of partnership 'deep dives', focussing on some of the most challenging issues facing London, where cross-system involvement is vital.

Stakeholder engagement:

- 4.8. A range of proposals have been developed and are progressing, led by the GLA with the support of Healthy London Partnership (HLP) and Public Health England (PHE). These will also be discussed at LPPB. Examples of activity are:
- HIS summary guides targeted to different stakeholder groups,
 - Resource to support local health scrutiny to support implementation in London boroughs,
 - 'Deep dives' with system leaders (through the LPPB) to drive system leadership and change,
 - Annual HIS partnership event to showcase the activity across the partnership in the first year of implementation.