

## What is a Health and Wellbeing Board?

Health and Wellbeing Boards were established as part of the Health and Social Care Act in 2012. The Waltham Forest Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), chaired throughout 2019-20 by Councillor Naheed Asghar, is a partnership of statutory and non-statutory organisations, representing those that plan and provide health services and the people who use those services across the Borough.

## What is the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2020?

The Board Strategy sets out a comprehensive vision of how we plan to deliver health services in the borough improve people's health and reduce health inequalities, focusing on three life stages:

- *The best start in life: develop, thrive and achieve*
- *Healthy, longer, happy lives: prosperous, active and sustainable*
- *Thriving maturity and protected community: safe, supported and independent*

## What we have achieved in 2019/20

### The Board intervened in key policy areas affecting residents, including:

- Multi-agency discussion/action on COVID-19; fuel poverty, homelessness, end of life care, disabilities and the role of the Health Protection Forum.
- Provided critical feedback to cross-cutting and Board-specific priority groups
- Board development work: action plan, included revised terms of reference and statement of intent finalised.
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) approved
- New dual diagnosis pathway for those with alcohol/drug and mental health issues
- School Better Mental Health Charter developed: 38 schools signed up

**Ongoing work to continue the planned integration of health services between the local authority and the borough's clinical commissioning group (CCG) and CCGs across north-east London:** the Board is keen to ensure that the present and future health and social care needs of Waltham Forest residents are reflected in the integrated commissioning agenda, the long-term plan for north-east London and the commissioning of future children's health and social care.

### Better Care Together Programme

- £8.1 million Improved Better Care Fund to support service innovation e.g. KOOH platform to support young people and the borough's dementia hub.
- Disabled Facilities Grant to support people to be safe and independent at home
- Support for residents with most complex needs with three aims: home first; care closer to home and promoting wellbeing e.g. discharge from hospital and enhanced support for care homes.

### The Board's Children's Health and Wellbeing Board Sub Committee has focused on:

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) improvement work
- Maternity & Early Years and Healthy Schools (task and finish groups)
- Services: Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and sexual health
- Development work and Future Role, including service commissioning and integration

**COVID-19:** Board partners have quickly formed an effective multi-agency partnership to respond to COVID-19, working closely with government, the voluntary sector and an active local community, aiming to ensure that Waltham Forest residents remain virus-free and receive the medical treatment that they may need if they fall sick.

## Our priorities for 2019/21:

OVER-  
ARCHING  
PRIORITY



**Violence Reduction Partnership**  
Embedded, partnership work reporting to all four boards to build a violence reduction partnership.

CROSS-  
CUTTING  
PRIORITY



**Better Mental Health for All**  
To develop an effective multi-agency approach to key challenges to mental health for all Waltham Forest residents

BOARD  
SPECIFIC  
PRIORITY



**Alcohol & Drugs**  
To reduce the impact of problematic drug or alcohol use by partner work on prevention and early intervention

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SPECIFIC  
PRIORITY



**Healthy Living for All (Healthy Weight)**  
To deliver work that allows people to make healthy food choices, stay physically active and maintain a healthy weight