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PROGRESS REPORT ON FOOD POVERTY, MENTAL HEALTH AND DEPRIVATION

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 Further to the report presented on the 19th September 2017 regarding a range of projects, programmes and issues across Chesterfield relating to the need to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities; this report outlines progress and updates made against the areas discussed.
- 1.2 Overall there has been good progress on a number of issues, however since presenting the report things slowed strategically due to a Public Health restructure (this is currently still ongoing, however it is nearing completion), Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) restructure and the Health and Wellbeing Assistant Director post for Chesterfield Borough Council being unfilled for a period of approximately six months. It is important to note however that operationally, work has continued to deliver the Chesterfield Health and Wellbeing Locality Plan.

2.0 Report Overview

- 2.1 In terms of a strategic context the Sustainability and Transformation Plan has changed its name and is now known as Joined-Up Care Derbyshire. Strategic work is ongoing to bring the Chesterfield Place Group (CCG led approach) with the

Chesterfield Prevention Group (Chesterfield Health and Wellbeing Partnership). To date at a local level the Chesterfield Health and wellbeing Partnership has been really effective in bringing together a wide range of agencies, including the third sector to support the co-ordination of health support programmes across the Borough.

2.2 The Derbyshire bid for Sport England 'Local Delivery Pilot' funding was denied, despite positive indications through the process. The bid was based on the principles that have successfully been adopted in Chesterfield and despite the disappointment of the bid not being successful agencies will continue to deliver locally irrespective of the loss of this additional funding. Local partners will continue to work creatively and innovate to find sustainable ways to support improving health outcomes.

2.3 Examples of this can be seen from some of the practical approaches outlined below;

- A Health and Wellbeing Network Group has been established in Loundsley Green, in addition to those functioning in Staveley and Rother. There is Councillor representation from Cllr Mick Wall and multi-agencies are involved.
- Loan Sharks / doorstep lending, is becoming more of an issue in some areas of the Borough. A bid for funding to combat Loan Sharks is being submitted. This will be a collaborative approach in partnership with Public Health, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union, Citizens Advice Chesterfield and Derbyshire Police.
- Holiday Hunger programmes targeting children and young people to support health improvement and education continue to be delivered.
- Where the third sector needs access to premises to support local delivery, partners will continue to work flexibly to support such requests and work with the voluntary sector to identify such assets. Positive examples of this approach include the memorial hall at Barrow Hill and the ground floor council flat at Holme Hall that has been provided to enable a community hub to be developed.

- The Director of Public Health, Dean Wallace, is leading the development of Local Integration Boards (LIB) in Derbyshire. These will be established to help remove the barriers which people may face regarding gaining employment. The LIB's will bring multi-agencies together to resolve issues at operational and strategic level.
- Falls prevention has been a focus and currently a pilot project is being developed to target those most at risk of falling and support them with a detailed risk assessment in their own home to identify the most suitable prevention strategies for the individual.

2.4 Following the introduction of Universal Credit (UC) the work of partners continues to be proactive in attempting to mitigate the impact of the rollout of UC. It was rolled out in the centre and west of Chesterfield at the end of November 2017 and is due to be rolled out to the remainder of the Borough in July 2018. Chesterfield Food Bank report a significant increase in use for the period Dec 2017- Mar 2018 as compared with the previous year. Other partners (Citizens Advice Chesterfield, Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre and Derbyshire Law Centre) report an increase in use and complex cases. Public Health will continue to monitor partner engagement.

3.0 Summary

3.1 Despite the challenges which have presented themselves strategically around restructure and vacant posts, operational front line delivery has remained strong. Through the Chesterfield Health and Wellbeing Partnership delivery partners have continued to collaborate and innovate to secure support and resources to enable programmes to be delivered across the Borough, this approach will be continued and developed upon to support the continued growth of health and wellbeing programmes.