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## **Derby Health Inequalities Partnership (DHIP) 2023 Impact Report**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to share the first Derby Health Inequalities Partnership (DHIP) Impact Report with the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). The report highlights and celebrates the achievements of DHIP and the work of community organisations and Connectors to improve health and wellbeing and tackle inequalities, utilising small grants.
- 1.2 The report demonstrates the growing reach and impact of the DHIP membership and their potential to support planning and delivery for the health of Derby citizens.

### **Recommendations**

- 2.1 To receive the report and acknowledge the diverse community assets and resources, along with the strong community connections, developed and supported by DHIP during 2023.
- 2.3 To continue to support DHIP's growth and development into 2024.

### **Reason**

- 3.1 DHIP, alongside the HWB and Place Partnership have a shared place-based ambition to improve health and reduce health inequalities for the people of Derby. The work and impact of DHIP contributes to the delivery of this shared ambition and therefore supports the HWB in its ambitions and responsibilities.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 The Impact Report is the first report produced by DHIP. It articulates its aims, values and activities and outlines how small grant funding has supported 16 Community Connectors and groups to support health and wellbeing activities within targeted communities. Community Connectors are people who care about their community and those who live there. They are volunteers who are happy to support local events and activities which aim to promote health and wellbeing. They have lived experience which helps them do this.

- 4.2 DHIP has made significant progress over the last two years: developing a stable community infrastructure to enable community voice to be heard at different levels; building strong and trusted relationships between community groups and parts of the health system; and securing grant funding to support community connector activities – over 150 separate events and 3,000 attendances achieved during this wave.
- 4.3 DHIP has rolled out a second round of small grant funding for 20 Community Connectors and groups (some being funded for a second time) to deliver health and wellbeing activities over the next three to six months. Groups will be provided with developmental training and support as part of this process.
- 4.4 The work of DHIP requires significant time and resource, and this remains an ongoing challenge. The ambition is to further grow DHIP, building on the approaches developed during the last two years to tackle wider health inequalities and working alongside more communities experiencing inequalities across the city. This is one of our priorities moving forward, and we will be considering how best to achieve this. We recognise that this is something we can't do alone and will consider approaches and resourcing with our communities and key partners.
- 4.5 DHIP's growing relationships provide a solid foundation to build and embed community development approaches and lived experience to addressing health inequalities across the health and wellbeing system. These approaches should become our 'business as usual' and should be embedded within our strategies and plans, including our Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 4.6 DHIP's future priorities are detailed in the Impact Report, and summarised below (all subject to funding):
1. Develop high-quality cultural competence training and development.
  2. Continue to strengthen community capacity – through growing and strengthening our network of Community Connectors, Strategic Connectors and DHIP members.
  3. With strategic partners, develop a sustainable funding model for 2024 onwards.
  4. Continue to identify, support and evaluate projects in partnership with the NHS and other key partners, where capacity and resource is available to do this.
  5. Development of a data/insight dashboard for health inequalities in Derby, which includes lived experience and data from black and minority ethnic and excluded groups, to inform local plans and strategies.
  6. Promote and share DHIP more widely, strengthening connections with key partners to shape and influence local plans and strategies so that they make a difference to the lives of local communities.

## Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 Stakeholder and community engagement is central to DHIP and has shaped its work and the Impact Report and builds on consultation work previously presented to the HWB.

## Other options

- 6.1 None.

## Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 Whilst there are no direct financial issues arising from this report, a shared approach should reduce duplication of effort therefore offering value.

## Legal implications

- 8.1 None arising from this report.

## Socio-Economic implications

- 9.1 None directly arising from this report. Socio-economic factors, however, contribute to people's health and wellbeing and experience of health inequalities. Socio-economic factors are therefore considered within the work of DHIP and its future plans.

## Climate implications

- 10.1 None specifically arising from this report.

## Other significant implications

- 11.1 None arising.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:	
List of appendices:	Derby Health Inequalities Partnership Impact Report 2023