

# HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

<b>Title:</b> Monitoring Health Outcomes in Barking and Dagenham	
<b>Report of the Director of Public Health</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b> None	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
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<b>Summary</b>	
<p>Local authorities (LAs) (under the stewardship of the Director of Public Health) are responsible for improving health outcomes across the local population (S2b National Health Service Act 2006). LAs have duties to improve wellbeing of residents, prevent needs for care and support and promote integration of care and support with health services (Care Act 2014). Integrated Care Systems (ICS) have duties to improve population health and reduce inequalities in health outcomes, alongside increasing integration between services for patients (Health and Social Care Act 2022). Forthcoming CQC assessments will be evaluation both LAs and ICSs on their fulfilment of these duties.</p> <p>The Director of Public Health is also responsible for providing system leadership and advice to the NHS to improve health outcomes and reduce inequalities. The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Public Health team produce annual Joint Strategic Needs Assessments; and the annual Director of PH report will highlight recommendations on future commissioning based upon current performance.</p> <p>A 2022 Department of Health Policy <a href="#">paper</a> outlined an intended ‘<i>approach to designing shared outcomes which will place person-centred care, improving population health and reducing health disparities at the centre of our plans for reform, and ensuring that accompanying oversight arrangements and regulatory structures have a clear focus on the planning and delivery of these outcomes</i>’ although this has not been taken forward at national level to date. In order to align work and measure progress at place level, we would ideally develop and propose a framework locally through which the Barking and Dagenham partnership can hold themselves accountable.</p> <p>A Barking and Dagenham Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been developed to focus local health priorities across the system. Work has now been initiated to develop and progress a monitoring framework with shared outcomes/indicators at Place level to sit alongside the Barking and Dagenham Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2028, reflecting:</p>	

- A core selection of outcomes which are being proposed for the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham's Corporate Plan 2023-26 performance framework.
- Outcomes aligned to NEL's Joint forward plan.
- Local engagement with staff and partners

There is a commitment to delivering an outcomes framework, replacing the outdated outputs performance reporting, with an opportunity to reframe our approach to performance reporting so that it isn't just focused on service measures but provides a direction of travel to achieving an outcome. The monitoring framework was discussed at the Committees in Common Development Session in July 2023. There is an intention to develop the framework through engagement and analysis over the autumn.

The resulting framework could also be used as part of a framework for the Health Scrutiny Committee going forward.

We propose the following questions for any feedback:

Does this feel like a useful evolution of system working to improve health?  
Are there any key roadblocks or challenges to be mindful of?

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Health Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- (i) Note the development of this work and provide feedback.

### **Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:**

- Barking and Dagenham Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023-2028
- Barking and Dagenham Corporate Plan 2023-26.
- NHS Act 2006
- Health and Social Care Act 2022
- Health and social care integration: joining up care for people, places and populations, Department of Health And Social Care Policy Paper Updated 2022

### **List of appendices:**

Appendix 1 - Monitoring health outcomes in LBBD