

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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TITLE OF REPORT	Growing strong, connected, resilient communities
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Purpose	To provide an update on progress since the last Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.
Background	<p>Developing a new relationship with communities is one of the four principles set out in the Health and Wellbeing Board strategy to inform the way we all work together.</p> <p>At the last Health and Wellbeing Board meeting, the Board decided that it will hold a whole system conference each year and that one of the themes of this years conference would be strong, connected, resilient communities.</p> <p>Since the last Board meeting partners have come together to discuss how community resilience makes a difference in Dudley, and how we can increase resilience in Dudley's communities.</p> <p>In addition, the story telling work undertaken to inform the work of the Adults Alliance has provided important insight from communities about social connectedness and resilience. Three themes have been identified as a result of this: training in connecting conversations; commissioning for community resilience outcomes; and networking to share experience. There is an opportunity to use the Health and Wellbeing whole system conference to contribute further to the development of these themes.</p>
Key Points	<p>Conversations at the partnership event held on 9th April 2018 highlighted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A need for a shared understanding and narrative of what is meant by community resilience and strong, connected communities; ○ A lack of awareness of the full range of work being undertaken across the borough to increase community resilience and the teams involved.

Work is well underway to develop the Dudley Community Information Directory as a single online directory for the borough where people can access local up-to-date information in one place, easily and simply. The directory will include details of community assets, identified as things of value by local people. Residents, volunteers and paid staff in a range of roles across organisations will be supported to use the directory to have connecting conversations. A test site is expected to be in place by the end 2018.

A new approach to commissioning for community resilience outcomes has been piloted through the Dudley Council Voluntary Sector Innovation Fund. It has been proposed that insights and learning from the storytelling work and the innovation fund are shared at the conference in October and used to inform a whole system approach in the future.

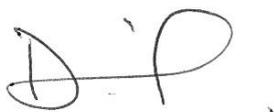
Emerging issues for discussion

A shared understanding and narrative - work commissioned on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board in 2015 provided valuable insight into personal and community resilience in the St James's ward. This work culminated in a community resilience toolkit, and will be re-visited as a potential framework for clearly articulating a shared understanding and narrative for community resilience. The toolkit is based on three goals set out in the diagram below:



A lack of awareness of work being undertaken across the borough – opportunities to increase networking, sharing and collaboration should be maximised. The Health and Wellbeing

	Board website could also be utilised to greater effect to hold a range of information on current activity and useful contacts.
Key asks of the Board/wider system	<p>To use the Health and Wellbeing whole system conference to contribute further to the development of the three themes previously identified.</p> <p>Board members to consider what they can do to contribute to the whole system approach that is required to create strong, connected, resilient communities.</p>
Contribution to H&WBB key goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy weight • Reducing loneliness & isolation • Reducing impact of poverty 	This work makes a significant contribution to the key goals of reducing loneliness and isolation and reducing the impact of poverty by increasing a sense of belonging and community, relationships and connections, a sense of purpose, a sense of autonomy and control and opportunities for people to contribute and give back.



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