

FAIRNESS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Health and Wellbeing Board



PURPOSE

This paper updates the Board on the Fairness Commission final recommendations relating to the Health and Wellbeing Board and seeks agreement that progress against them is reported to the Fairness Commission.

Fairness Commission Recommendations	Actions taken / planned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Fairness Commission recommends that a comprehensive and holistic response to Plymouth’s mental health needs, including those of children and young people, is developed and agreed by all agencies, and that resourced commissioning plans are published to show how services and support will be delivered 	<p>On Friday 7th November, Plymouth Mental Health Network hosted a solution shop for the Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Board Solution on mental health. Members of the Board, community and voluntary sector, service representatives, public health, commissioners, carers and people with lived experience of mental illness, met to discuss the mental health system and hopes for the future. This report forms a basis for discussion at the meeting of the 26th March 2015.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We recommend that Plymouth’s comprehensive response to mental health ensures a significant redirection of cross-sector resources for evidence-based early intervention, prevention and promotion programmes for mental health. This should specifically include children, young people and those with multiple and complex needs, with targets set for how redirected resources will be used. If insufficient expertise and/or modelling tools exist locally to support this shift towards prevention then external support should be used. 	<p>In addition the Board will receive in June an annual update on the implementation plan it commissioned following the completion of the pledge 90 report which will address specific recommendations provided by the Fairness Commission.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We recommend that a joint review be completed to agree what crisis response is appropriate for anyone presenting with a mental health need. This should include those who may require a place of safety while a mental health assessment is undertaken and, where appropriate, follow up or after care is provided. 	<p>The “reduce the strength campaign” has been led by the Shekinah Mission and Harbour Drug and</p>
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<p>approach to reducing the retailing of cheap vodka and ‘super strength’ beer and cider as stated in the Strategic Alcohol Plan for Plymouth 2013-18 and being implemented in Ipswich, is developed and resourced.</p>	<p>Alcohol Services working in partnership with the local authority.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board is fully supportive of the approach and will consider further progress in September when it considers its annual update on all elements of the Strategic Alcohol Plan.</p>
<p>○ The Plymouth Fairness Commission seeks confirmation that arrangements to deliver the Commissioning Plan for the Plymouth Domestic Abuse Partnership 2012-2019 will be able to meet the scale of the problem in the city. As such we recommend an urgent review of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joint commissioning arrangements and resource allocation. ● Agreement and ownership of shared outcomes. ● Effectiveness of current partnership arrangements. 	<p>The commissioning plan for the domestic abuse is within the terms of reference for the Safer Plymouth Partnership (Crime and Safety Partnership).</p> <p>The Board will discuss on the 23rd April how greater links can be made across these partnerships.</p>
<p>○ We recommend that steps are taken to ensure cross-sector funding for Domestic Abuse services continue to be protected and, where appropriate, increased to ensure sufficient services and support are in place to meet rising demand.</p>	
<p>○ The Commission recommends that, using the learning from other areas who have implemented this such as Islington, all primary school children in the city are offered a daily free school meal.</p> <p>○ We recommend that a pilot to provide a free daily meal to disadvantaged pupils outside of term-time is trialled to assess potential take-up, costs and benefits.</p> <p>○ We also recommend that all schools providing meals in Plymouth must meet the National School Food Standards.</p>	<p>The City Council Education Catering Service has implemented this for key stage 1 pupils. Further evaluation will be undertaken before moving this into key stage 2.</p> <p>The Education Catering Service is exploring a number of options for using current assets to the benefit on the community when not in use providing school meals.</p> <p>Ed Catering has achieved and gone this recommendation by ending transported meals with all food cooked on site using seasonal fresh local produce. The Education Catering Service are actively involved in the national school food plan and are working for the on the way forward for all school catering services across the country.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Many organisations, such as Food Plymouth and Sustainable Food Cities are already leading promising food initiatives in the city. ○ However, the Commission believes the benefits of these different initiatives could be extended if they were better co-ordinated.	<p>The Board will explore how to bring elements from across the system together in the new municipal year.</p>
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