

Health and Wellbeing Board

12 February 2026

Work Programme

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Summary

The report advises the Board of the forward work programme for discussion in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. It gives the Board an opportunity to shape and direct the Board's activities.

1. Recommendation

- 1.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to agree the work programme attached at Appendix 1 to the report and consider whether any further changes need to be made.

2. Budget and policy framework

- 2.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a duty on local authorities to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board for their area.
- 2.2. On 25 April 2013, the Council established the Board for Medway and agreed its terms of reference. Terms of reference are kept under review, with the most recent changes agreed by Full Council in July 2022.

3. Background

- 3.1. The work programme is set out in Appendix 1 to the report. It should be noted that the work programme is likely to be subject to frequent changes and additions throughout the year and is for guidance only.
- 3.2. At the pre- agenda meeting held on 13 January 2026, recommendations were made to the work programme as follows:

Defer:

- Community Safety Partnership and Action Plan report to the meeting of 16 April 2026 as the action plan was still being developed and would not be fully completed by the 12 February 2026 meeting.

3.3. A round up and review of the themes discussed in 2025/26, as well as indicators from the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy that will set the themes for 2026/27 cycle of meetings will be presented to the Board at the 16 April 2026 meeting.

4. Neighbourhood Health Plans workshop

4.1. A workshop session took place on 15 January 2026 where Members' received a presentation which set out the background to Neighbourhood Health for Kent and Medway, including the ambition and what it means for Kent and Medway. The presentation also included considerations for the clinical model, and steps involved in developing the Neighbourhood Health plan. The plans is to be developed by mid-March, and it was agreed that another session with a smaller group of Members from the Board would be arranged for a date in February 2026. Officers will work with Members to establish the core principles and Medway specific needs that was essential to form the basis of the Plan. Once completed, the plan will be presented to the Board at its 16 April 2026 meeting.

5. Actions from meetings

5.1. At Members request, the following table displays a list of actions

Subject	Committee at which request was made	Date circulated to Members	Any additional comment
Data from return that is sent to Central Govt	26 June 2025	11 November 2025	
Education Symposium	26 June 2025		<p>23.07.2025 Planning around content will begin in September. Tean are in the process of securing a venue for this to take place. Possibly after the inclusion conference.</p> <p>11.11.2025 - The Education inclusion Conference took place last week. The NEET symposium is now being planned as part of the Marmot Place work and the date will be</p>

			confirmed in due course
Letter to DfE regarding disparity in funding for schools and colleges for sixth form provision	26 June 2025		11.11.2025 To be completed this week.
Information on care leavers and their NEET status and what is being done to support those NEET children	26 June 2025		
Self-Harm project summary –Details on the support offer for those aged 10-24	20 November 2025	18/12/2025 – circulated briefing note as well as end of project report	

6. Risk management

6.1. There are no specific risk implications arising from this report.

7. Financial implications

7.1. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

8. Legal implications

8.1. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme

Background papers

None