

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Officer:	Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health
Relevant Cabinet Member	Councillor Amy Cross, Cabinet Member for Reducing Health Inequalities and Adult Safeguarding
Date of Meeting	20 July 2016

COLLABORATION FOR LEADERSHIP IN APPLIED HEALTH RESEARCH AND CARE NORTH WEST COAST

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To receive a presentation giving an overview of the work being carried out by the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast, of which Blackpool Council and Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust are both partners and update members on opportunities to be involved in specific research work.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to consider appropriate involvement in the Claremont Local Implementation Group which is currently being formed to lead the public health research work in Blackpool and is a partnership between statutory and voluntary sector partners and local residents.
- 2.2 To agree to receive regular progress reports and learning from the new Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast theme “new approaches to evaluating complex health and care systems”.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast has been established to create a partnership between universities, local authorities, NHS organisations and the public in order to research innovation and deliver projects that will improve public health, wellbeing and quality of care across the North West Coast.

The initiative is based on putting research into practice and so aims to embed evidence based policies, practices and services to reduce health inequalities in the

work of the new local public health system, focusing particularly on promoting and supporting resilience in communities.

This work includes reviews of evidence on effective approaches to improving the social, economic and environmental components of resilience.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

5.0 Background Information

5.1 For decades, healthcare professionals and politicians have battled to bridge the gap in health status between groups, populations, and individuals that results from unequal distribution of social, environmental and economic conditions and the effect these have on people becoming ill and being able to prevent or treat illness.

5.2 Despite these efforts, it is an unpalatable truth, and one that is hard to excuse in the 21st century, that a child born in parts of the North West of England could expect to enjoy a healthy life for 17 years less than another child born just streets away. This is the reality of the health inequality in the region, where the difference between standards in the richest and poorest wards is at its widest in the UK.

5.3 The Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast key areas of interest and expertise within the academic centres are highlighted by the focus of the Themes, and all focus on Health Inequalities. However the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast North West Coast will work with the public, patients, carers and other stakeholders to develop and deliver projects that lie within the overall framework as outlined below:

5.4 Improving Mental Health

Understanding and reducing the burden of mental ill health and wellbeing by delivering effective interventions involving the NHS, local authorities and the third sector. We are evaluating a range of community-based mental health interventions for North West Coast residents.

Improving Public Health

Playing a central part in supporting local authorities in their new statutory responsibilities to improve the health of their population and inequalities in access to, and outcomes of high-quality healthcare. We aim to embed evidence based policies, practices and services and support resilient communities.

Knowledge Exchange and Engagement

Maximising the engagement of and knowledge exchange with Partners, to drive the programme of research and implementation to effect real changes in health and care across the North West Coast. Integrating knowledge exchange through all areas of our work to support new projects initiated by our Partners.

Managing Complex Needs

Implementing a step change in the delivery of care for people with complex needs arising from long-term conditions. This will result in services that are more person-centred, cost effective and improve quality of life for patients and their ability to undertake gainful employment.

Delivering Personalised Health and Care

Working to improve self-care by patients, improve access to care in the community, and allow its integration in complex chronic conditions with a personalised approach. This will provide NHS practitioners and patients with innovations in personalised medicine, medical devices and diagnostic tools that genuinely add value but not cost.

Evidence Synthesis Collaboration

Examining the world's literature on a particular research area, testing the published research against a set of criteria, summarising and publishing it. Encouraging, facilitating and supporting specific request for evidence synthesis from Partners to inform policy and/or develop future research projects.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 **List of Appendices:**
Appendix 6a: Public Health Theme Presentation

6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 None

7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None

8.0 **Equalities considerations:**

8.1 The Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast has developed a Health Inequalities Assessment Toolkit (HIAT) to help ensure that all activities have potential to contribute to reducing health inequalities. The Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast Steering Board requires all proposals seeking support to include a Health Inequalities Assessment Report,

The Health Inequalities Assessment Toolkit: - (i) Helps to clarify the health inequalities associated with the problem you wish to address and identify the socio-economic drivers of these inequalities and; (ii) Thinks about how the health inequality focus of proposed work could be strengthened.

The Health Inequalities Assessment Toolkit will ensure consideration of health inequalities associated with gender, ethnicity, age, disability, etc. however gives priority to submissions that demonstrate potential to reducing inequalities in health resulting from socio-economic inequalities.

When using the Health Inequalities Assessment Toolkit partners should give details of how the problem to be addressed has some bearing on socio-economic inequalities in health. It should also highlight plans to address some of these socio-economic drivers of inequalities. For example, if the problem to be addressed relates to uptake of services or outcomes of treatment for a particular group (for example, women, people with disabilities, or minority ethnic group) partners will need to consider: -

1. Whether the problem is unequally distributed within the socio-economic group you are focusing on, and if so how.
2. What particular socio-economic factors may be expected to contribute to these inequalities in health (e.g. low income, poor quality housing, etc.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 Partners in the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast are expected to contribute a financial and / or in kind contribution to the research work undertaken.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Partners in the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast are asked to sign a contract to ensure risk management considerations are sufficiently robust.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 The work of the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast has been formally reporting to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Strategic Group and is accountable to the Director of Public Health.

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care North West Coast website <http://clahrc-nwc.nihr.ac.uk/index.php>