

# Southend Health & Wellbeing Board

Agenda  
Item No.

Report of the Director of Public Health

To  
Health & Wellbeing Board

on  
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## Learning Disability Mortality Review Annual Report 2021-22

### Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

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#### Purpose

This is to provide the Board with an update on the progress with the delivery of the action plan through the Southend, Essex and Thurrock's Learning Disability Mortality Review (LeDeR) Steering Group.

#### Background

The LeDeR programme across Southend, Essex and Thurrock (SET) covers the footprints of 7 CCGs and 3 local authorities. The CCGs are moving into 3 Integrated Care Systems this year, but the LD Health Equalities Team continues to deliver the LeDeR programme on behalf of the whole system, to commission specialist LD health services and to facilitate other national LD programmes (such as Stopping Over Medication of People with LD – STOMP and Transforming Care, which ensures people don't get stuck long term in LD Mental Health Beds) across the same footprint.

#### Summary of the Report

The age at death of people with Learning Disability in Southend Essex and Thurrock (SET) is gradually improving, but is still far from the rest of the population. 116 people with learning disability died across SET between April 2021 and March 2022.

The SET LeDeR programme is fully compliant with the new national LeDeR policy and the recommendations from the Oliver McGowan review. The regional NHSE team have commended our performance, with us meeting the national standards. We continue to review our plans and ensure that areas of highest priority are being addressed as we continue to provide assurances via the Quality Panels.

Other key achievements include:

- Excellent progress around improving wellbeing and physical health
- Improved data collation and better data sharing on the health of people with Learning Disability
- Pneumonia and aspiration pneumonia remain the top causes of death and require ongoing work
- More preventative interventions are still required to tackle deteriorating health conditions
- COVID showed us that infection control and shielding was insufficiently implemented across a range of settings and that we need to have better planning in place for any future health protection crisis

The focus on the recommendations in the report has proposed different ways of tackling known issues (rather than identifying fresh themes) to optimise the level of improvement.

We have a 3 year deliverable plan which identifies where we need to:

- a) Prevent ill health
- b) Improve management of health and
- c) Remove inequalities

In terms of setting, we have identified Primary care services as the area we need to focus most support to make changes, given the significant backlog in the health and wellbeing gateway, following the COVID pandemic.

## **Recommendation**

1. For the HWB Board to discuss and note the content of this report
2. For the HWB Board to forward any suggestion that could enhance the delivery of the plan in 2022-23