

Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) Paper

1. Reference information

Paper tracking information	
Title:	Health and Well-being Strategy Index
HWBS Priority Populations:	All Priority Populations
Priority - 1, 2 and/or 3:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1 - Supporting people to lead healthy lives by preventing physical ill health and promoting physical well-being • Priority 2 - Supporting people's mental health and emotional well-being by preventing mental ill health and promoting emotional well-being • Priority 3 - Supporting people to reach their potential by addressing the wider determinants of health
Principles for Working with Communities:	Community capacity building: 'Building trust and relationships'
Interventions for reducing health inequalities:	Civic / System Level interventions
Outcome(s)/System Capability:	All outcomes / Data, Insights and Evidence system capability
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Related HWB papers:	March 2023 Health and Well-being Strategy Index paper ; September 2022 Health and Well-being Strategy Metrics: Review and Refresh
Annexes/Appendices:	Appendix 1 – List of current / future indicators

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2. Executive summary

The Health and Well-Being (HWB) Strategy was refreshed at the beginning of 2022. Therefore, the previous HWB Strategy dashboard required a review and refresh also, to enable a clearer focus on mission of the HWB Strategy – to reduce health inequalities so no-one is left behind.

The HWB Strategy Summary Implementation Plan, presented to the June Board meeting, outlined the 41 projects and programmes that sit under the auspices of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) and HWB Strategy.

Effectiveness of these projects and programmes in reducing health inequalities is measured by SROs using short/medium term outcome indicators. Logic models are employed within these projects / programmes to ensure a systematic consideration of the key components of projects/programmes, the relationships between the key components and their relationship to the mission of the HWB Strategy.

The longer-term impact indicators presented in the new HWB Strategy Index (the Index) assess effectiveness against its mission. It should be noted this Index is solely for this purpose. Other data and indicators of health inequalities can be found here [Health Inequalities | Surrey-i \(surreyi.gov.uk\)](#).

At the March HWB, a prototype of the Index was demonstrated outlining the Index and demonstrating the development of impact metrics that will enable an understanding of how effectively we are delivering the HWB Strategy across its Priority Populations and Outcomes to reduce health inequalities. An update of the progression of this work is presented, outlining further features and additional geographic levels.

The first iteration of the Index included:

- Indicators available borough and district level
- These indicators mapped to each of the HWB Strategy's three priorities

The latest developments include:

- A version of the Index at ward level with available indicators
- Overarching indicators for inequalities in life expectancy, healthy life expectancy and some Priority Populations
- Trends over time for indicators at borough and district level
- A launch page, detailing how organisations and Surrey residents can view and interpret the Index.

The latest version of the Index will be available publicly from 13 September via:

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dan.harmer/viz/HealthWellbeingIndex/District>

3. Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Review the Index and provide feedback.
2. Promote awareness of the Index within their organisations to enable its continuous development using partners' expertise/data.
3. Promote awareness of the Index within their organisations and externally to enable a common understanding and assessment of progress against the HWB Strategy.

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4. Reasons for recommendations

The HWB Strategy Index is intended to allow us to view the progress of the Strategy through certain key impact indicators where data is available, and which enable an understanding of the effectiveness of the Strategy in reducing health inequalities.

It needs to address the requirements of all local partners as far as possible as well as providing a clear understanding to our residents of long-term progress of the Strategy. In building this, we have used certain assumptions, but it is intended to be iterated and improved over time as more information and data becomes available (see Appendix 1 for a list of current / future indicators). It is for this reason that regular feedback / support from all partners will be particularly beneficial, and hence the request of Board members to raise awareness of the Index in their own organisations to encourage such feedback / support.

5. Updates to the Index

The March HWB paper detailed how the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Index has been developed using the format of the existing [Surrey Index](#) to assess the impact and efficacy of the refreshed HWB Strategy. This paper updates that report with the latest developments to the Index.

The Index is currently calculated at two geographical levels (district/borough and ward) by organising viable indicators into one of the HWB Strategy's narrative outcomes under the three headline priorities, as outlined in the following diagram:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy Index	Priorities	Outcomes	Indicators
Overall Score and Rank	1. Supporting people to lead healthy lives...	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People have a healthy weight and are active 2. Substance misuse is low 3. The needs of those experiencing multiple disadvantage are met 4. Serious conditions and diseases are prevented 	Typically, three to four indicators per outcome

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		5. People are supported to live well independently for as long as possible	
	2. Supporting people's mental health and emotional wellbeing...	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adults, children, and young people at risk of and with depression, anxiety and other mental health issues access the right early help and resources 2. The emotional wellbeing of parents and caregivers, babies and children is supported 3. Isolation is prevented and those that feel isolated are supported 4. Environments and communities in which people live, work, and learn build good mental health 	Typically, three to four indicators per outcome
	3. Supporting people to reach their potential...	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People's basic needs are met 2. Children, young people, and adults are empowered in their communities 3. People access training and employment opportunities within a sustainable economy 4. People are safe and feel safe (community safety incl. domestic abuse; safeguarding) 5. The benefits of healthy environments for people are valued and maximised (including through transport/land use planning) 	Typically, three to four indicators per outcome

A full list of the indicators included in the index, and the geographical level they are available at, is provided in Appendix 1. At this point, there are no indicators in the Index for the following HWB Strategy narrative outcomes:

Priority	Outcome
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. The needs of those experiencing multiple disadvantage are met 5. People are supported to live well independently for as long as possible
2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The emotional wellbeing of parents and caregivers, babies and children is supported 3. Isolation is prevented and those that feel isolated are supported

These outcomes currently without indicators are covered by indicators included in the Priority Populations section at the countywide level or will be included in the Index in a future revision.

The indicators identified under each outcome have been weighted and aggregated to produce a score and rank for each of the relevant geographical units, such as the 11 borough and districts, at the outcome level, which in turn are aggregated to produce a score and rank at the priority level. Finally, the priority scores and ranks are aggregated to produce an overall score and rank for each geographic unit.

For each geographical unit there is, therefore, a single **overall** score, a score for each of the three priorities, and each of the narrative outcomes, as well as for each metric individually.

The Index uses the most recently available data for each indicator, which means that the values for some measures may be older than others. The detail of this, and the indicator sources, are given in a reference document which is available on the launch page of the Index and in Appendix 1.

5.1 Update on geographic levels within the Index

One of the biggest changes with this update of the Index is the addition of a second geographic level – ward level. The availability of the Index at lower levels of geography is vital to highlight areas of under- and over-performance compared to Surrey as a whole and support alignment with the HWB Strategy mission – to reduce health inequalities – in a broadly affluent county with hidden pockets of deprivation.

As with the Surrey Index, SCC intend to make the HWB Strategy Index View available at all levels of geography the data can be disaggregated to. Initially, the Index was published for borough and district councils and this update extends it to electoral wards.

The next phase, which will be published by end of September, will extend the Index and allow calculation at Primary Care Networks/Place geographies where possible. This functionality will enable area-specific outcomes and variations within these to be readily identified and acted upon by Integrated Care Systems and their partners.

It should be noted, however, that not all data is available at lower levels of geography because of the way it is collected, recorded, or published for some indicators. Best efforts are being made to obtain as many indicators as possible at all levels of geography.

5.2 Update on overarching indicators

As discussed in the March Board paper, four measures of life and healthy life expectancy have been chosen as indicators of the overall progress of the HWB Strategy to reduce health inequalities and these, along with recent trends for three of the measures, are now included in the Indicator View alongside several indicators for HWB Strategy Priority Populations.

The Priority Populations indicators i.e. gaps in employment rates for those in contact with secondary mental health services and with a learning disability, the percentage of adult carers who have as much social contact as they would like and adults with a

learning disability who live in stable and appropriate accommodation are included in the Indicator View of the Index. They are included in this section because they are not yet available below county level for inclusion on the calculated Index but are crucial to showing effective progress in delivering the HWB Strategy.

The trend in these overarching indicators, along with change in overall scores which will be available when the Index is updated annually, can be used to monitor progress over time and the direction of travel for the Strategy as a whole.

The Index is published on Surrey-i, available for reference to organisations and to Surrey residents.

5.3 Update on launch page and views:

This updated Index now includes a launch page or home screen that partners and Surrey residents will see when they first access the Index. This outlines the purpose of the Index and how the scores and ranks can be interpreted.



Example of the launch page from the Surrey Index

The launch page also details the two different views of the Index which are now available. These are the **Index View** and **Indicator View**:

- The Index View displays the score and rank for each Priority, Narrative Outcome, and Indicator for the different geographic levels of the Index, along with the actual values for each indicator and a recent trend where available.
- The Indicator View displays the current and historical values, and trend (where available) for a small set of overarching indicators and some Priority Populations at the county level.

6. Challenges and opportunities

- Some indicators relevant to assessing progress against the HWB Strategy narrative outcomes / for the Priority Populations continue to only be available at a higher Surrey footprint which limits the full benefit of use at a local system level.

- There are some gaps in the Index at present where data has been sought and is known to be available, but it has not yet been obtained; these gaps will be filled in due course. This is particularly true for Priority 2.
- Some data required for the proposed list of indicators has proved inappropriate as a measure and / or unreliable; in some cases these indicators have already been replaced using more viable / reliable data. In other cases SCC is exploring alternatives. This is particularly notable for some mental health indicators, which are publicly available at health based geographies and will be included in the Primary Care Network update.
- The HWB Strategy Index offers the Surrey system new opportunities to shape its strategies/policies and interventions based on evidence of progress, alongside community engagement with the Priority Populations. It also creates possibilities to measure success across a range of determinants of health, utilising national, regional and local targets to improve health outcomes.

7. Next steps

- These indicators will continue to be reviewed and developed to ensure we are utilising the most appropriate indicators to monitor progress against the HWB Strategy's overall mission, priorities, narrative outcomes, and the needs of the Priority Populations.
- We will continue to work closely with partners to align the outcome indicators of projects / programmes in the Summary Implementation Plan to the impact indicators within the Index, through an emphasis on logic modelling, and review.
- The build of the index will continue to develop with a version at Primary Care Network level being added before the end of September. The possibility of additional health-based geographies is also being investigated and will be reported on in more detail at the next meeting.
- We will publish ward level trend data, which is currently missing, by the end of September.
- The current gaps in indicators, which has been highlighted for four narrative outcomes of the HWB Strategy, are being addressed, with an expectation that these will also be filled by the end of September. We will be looking to add indicators currently only available at county level into the borough level index where possible. This may be limited to a small number of indicators but we are focusing on mental health and adult social care.
- A first report against the Index will be produced for the December HWB meeting. This report will highlight geographic areas and indicators where there is a notable direction of travel which will require further analysis. Trends across the overarching indicators for inequalities in life expectancy/healthy life expectancy and county level indicators for the Priority Populations will be reported annually.
- A video tutorial guiding users through the different sections of the index and how to use it will be available alongside the index on Surrey-i by the end of September.

Questions to guide Board discussion:

What forums would it be useful to share this iteration of the Index with?

What role can the Surrey Data Strategy play in this space?

Can organisations commit to capacity to provide data in appropriate formats/lowest geographic levels for the next iteration of the Index?