

**WSAB**  
**Thematic SAR into Rough Sleeping**  
**Assurance Panel Meeting**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**Notes**

	<p><b>apologies for absence</b>  Integrated Care Service (ICB)  Homeless Link</p> <p><b>Present</b></p> <p><b>1</b> Maggs (Chair)  Worcestershire Strategic Housing Partnership (WSHP)  Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board (WSAB)  St Pauls  Onside  Healthwatch</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters arising</b>  Agreed an accurate record and no matters arising</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>WSHP Feedback</b>  Whilst the Strategy had moved forward since the draft there was still concern amongst some panel representatives that it was still not where it should be.  The recommendations fall into two areas, Operational and Governance. The purpose of the panel is to assess these with a view to deciding if they addressed the recommendations of the thematic SAR and if not, then consider the level of risk that this presented in terms of reducing the potential for future deaths of rough sleepers.</p> <p><b>Role and approach to assessment</b>  There was some discussion on the role of the Panel – agreed that its role was to assess whether the recommendations of the thematic review were addressed sufficiently to mitigate the risks for people who sleep rough. One member of the panel questioned whether the panel and the group reviewing the panel could have found a more constructive way to share and accommodate different views.</p> <p>One member of the panel had assessed the response to the recommendations based on a Red/Amber Green Basis. This assessment is used provide the substantive feedback in this document. Other comments are made below these.</p> <p><b>Operational recommendations</b>  In terms of the recommendations which related to operational actions, whilst some of the panel acknowledged progress had been made it was felt that some elements needed to be built upon. Some members of the panel suggested that as the strategy should set out the principles, it was now important that more clarity on the operational recommendations should be addressed in the individual district delivery plans.</p> <p><b>Governance recommendation (1)</b>  The main area where some panel members had concerns was regarding governance. Some felt that strategy was not in a position where it should be signed off as the governance was not clear. Needs to be clearer on where accountability sits if statutory duties aren't met.</p>	

	<p>As the Strategy states that it will be reviewed, questioned, how we can now can we get feedback from authors on areas where the recommendations of the panel have not been fully addressed.</p> <p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <p>As the strategy has now been signed off by some districts and is in the process of being signed off by others the Panel agreed this Assurance panel had done all it could regarding the strategy. Therefore, now would be an appropriate time to refer the assessment on these recommendations to the WSAB Board, via the Performance and Quality Assurance sub-group, outlining the following points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some of the delivery objectives are moving in the right direction but would like to see all the areas addressed in final delivery plans for each district</li> <li>- Concerns that Governance is not clear or explicit enough to understand where accountability lies.</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b>Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) -People With Lived Experience (PWLE) Review update</b></p> <p>Onside representative gave an update on findings and issues which have arisen. Onside been to Maggs, St Pauls and St Basils to speak to PWLE. In process of drawing up a report. To widen review to look at young peoples</p> <p>Providers who could help with this are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CCP</li> <li>• Basement Project – Bromsgrove.</li> </ul> <p>Agreed that the report will go to WSAB Chairs meeting (May) and Board (June)</p> <p>The findings would then be presented to various people including to Gwynn Sherriff who works at DWP</p>	<b>Onside</b>
5	<p><b>Next Meeting agenda items</b></p> <p><b>WSAB update</b></p> <p><b>ICB (Health) update</b></p>	
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any other Business</li> </ul>	•