

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board
DATE: 7th October 2020
REPORTING OFFICER: David Parr, HBC Chief Executive
SUBJECT: Lloyds Banking Foundation – Update

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Board Members with an update on the work of the Lloyds Banking Foundation in Halton.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Board Members are asked to:-

Note the reports content and agreed to continue to support the work of the Foundation in Halton.

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In October 2019 the Board received a presentation from Jill Baker, from the Lloyds Banking Foundation about their work to support six areas across the Country. Halton had been identify as one of those potential areas and the HWBB were asked to support the initiative if successful.
- 3.2 Lloyds were looking to engage the whole system to look at how services for people facing complex social issues are resourced, designed and delivered. Lloyds wanted to focus on the 3rd sector working with statutory partners, with things like funding core costs for six years, mentoring and peer support and matching of need against demand.

4.0 CURRENT CONTEXT

- 4.1 In November of 2019, Halton was confirmed one of the areas selected. Colleagues from Lloyds came to Halton for a two day study visit and met with several key Partners – in early March (appendix A is a short briefing note that was shared as part of this process). Since then some of the anticipated activities have been waylaid by Covid, but colleagues from Lloyds have continued to support Parnters in Halton.

Attached is an update of their involvement/activity in Halton (appendix B).

Lloyds Bank Foundation, Local Implementation Lead: Visit to Halton

Background to our work

Lloyds Bank Foundation partners with small charities to support people facing [complex social issues](#). Over the last five years we have sought to strengthen the charities we fund, and influence the environment in which they operate. In these tough times those small and local charities who are so connected to the people they serve are needed more than ever – so we need to do more to help them not just survive now but thrive tomorrow. Now we're extending our development work in line with our new strategy, [Reaching Further](#), with the aim of deepening our understanding about the solutions that already work or are still needed, to address the complex social issues that are the focus of our funding. We are working with six places or communities across England and Wales, and Halton is one of those six. The focus of this work is:

- **To engage the whole system to look at how services for people facing complex social issues are resourced, designed and delivered**

In initiating this work in Halton, we want to get to know everyone involved in the development, delivery and funding of services – from the local authority, local people, charities, the CCG, Public Health, police, local businesses, grant makers and foundations, and infrastructure bodies such as the CVS.

Our approach

We will

- facilitate conversations about the assets, strengths, challenges and gaps, and together with local partners we'll explore what difference we can make.
- start by looking together with partners at the strengths in systems that already exist, from good relationships and partnerships to physical assets such as buildings, and scoping out the gaps that need filling through new ideas.
- engage our range of development tools to provide support to local charities, including supporting organisations to diversify their income, access skilled volunteers and helping to build their capacity according to individual needs.

We won't:

- dictate how services should look, or fund the delivery of a project.

Purpose of 2/3 day visit

In order to get to understand the context in Halton, our Local Implementation Lead, Harriet Ballance (and one or two colleagues), will be visiting the area on **9th and 10th March 2020**. The purpose of this visit is as follows:

- For us to begin to map out and understand the key organisations, people, and strategic partnerships in the area, so we understand what we mean by 'the whole system'
- Orientation: to gain an understanding of the geography of the area
- Most importantly to begin to build relationships with local partners, which will be the foundation of this work

It's crucial to our work that we get to know your local context, and can adapt our work to make the biggest impact by taking account of the specific local assets and challenges. To do that, we see this initial visit as a vital step in initiating the wider piece of work described above by getting to know the area and its people.

Update from Lloyds Bank Foundation October 2020

Since the presentation to the Voluntary Sector Forum and the Health and Wellbeing Board last year two members of the Foundation's Development Team, Harriet Ballance and Victoria Burrows visited in March. This was an initial two-day scoping visit where they were able to meet various members of the community including charities, Fire Service, Health services, members of Halton Borough Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

Lockdown has prevented further planned visits and the scoping work has therefore continued virtually. Members of the Lloyds team has joined the VCSE response calls and have continued to speak to members of the community including David Parr, Sophie Bartsch, John Moores University, Well North, CCG staff, social enterprises, charities, and businesses.

They have also offered assistance in the form of a small grant to the Halton VCA and provided advice, ringfenced two development grants for Halton charities and are developing a support offer in conjunction with the VCA. They have helped restart conversations on the future of the Halton Foundation reviewing its purpose and aims.

Despite the uncertain times, the Foundation team are keen to get back to their longer-term focus of working with Halton to look at the wider issue of system change. With this in mind, they have been gathering information from some more recent initiatives in Halton that have identified issues people would like to change. The next logical step would be to bring people together in virtual workshops to look at these issues and agree a common one to start their work.