**Note on key issues for Health Equity Commission**

**Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Context**

* Our Board understands the key drivers of health inequalities in our communities through our joint strategic needs assessment at county, district, and neighbourhood levels.
* We are undertaking a radical refresh of our health and wellbeing (HWB) strategy and the membership arrangements to make it fit for the post pandemic world with a vision to achieve the best possible health and wellbeing outcomes for our residents and reduce health inequalities in Lancashire.
* As we refresh our HWB strategy, we recognise it requires long term commitment. We commit to developing a 10-year plan with a particular focus on prevention and wider determinants of health to improve public health outcomes.
* We are committed to strengthen our partnership working at district and neighbourhood levels with a focus on continuous improvement.
* We are also aligning our efforts with other partnerships in Lancashire e.g. Children, Young People and Families Partnership, Community Safety Partnership, Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, and the emerging NHS Integrated Care Board and Integrated Care Partnership.

**Our immediate priorities**

Whilst we are undertaking a refresh of our HWB strategy, we have identified three immediate priorities to pursue as we recover from the pandemic. These are:

* Achieving the Best Start in Life for all our children, young people and families.
* Prevention, early detection and management of long-term conditions and their root causes, with a particular focus on healthy hearts and obesity.
* Improving mental health with a focus on suicide prevention and promoting wellbeing in our communities, workplaces & economy.

We are in the process of enhancing the Board's system leadership, advocacy skills and continuous improvement capacity.

**Our intent is to support**

* Our economy and anchor institutions to improve wider determinants of health and reduce inequalities.
* Our local voluntary, community, faith, and natural assets that wellbeing for everyone.
* Person centred services that put prevention and best value at their core.

**Our request to the health equity commission**

* Identify best practice and actions that we can purse at a local level to improve health equity.
* Endorse our health and wellbeing strategy by supporting its development.
* Facilitate sustainable allocation of local NHS capacity/resources to strengthen our efforts to address inequalities.