



## READING HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

<b>DATE OF MEETING:</b>	17 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023		
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	COMMUNITY VACCINE CHAMPIONS EVALUATION REPORT		
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report draws the attention of the board to the publication of the Reading Borough Council Community Vaccine Champions Evaluation Report which has been published in February 2023 by Reading Borough Council's Public Health and Wellbeing Team.
- 1.2 Appendix A Community Vaccine Champions Report Final.

### 2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 That the board notes the publication of the report with its focus on inclusive engagement and effective coproduction with diverse communities across Reading.

### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 This publication reports on the evaluation of phases 1 and 2 of the scheme in Reading which was one of 60 schemes funded by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in 2022. The project has enjoyed the support of a wide range of local system partners and stakeholders. The recommendations in the report will be of interest to them and a report about them and the current developments in the champions network will be made to a future Health and Wellbeing board meeting.

### 4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 The Community Vaccine Champions Evaluation Report has been published.
- 4.2 The proposal is to note the publication of the Community Vaccine Champions Evaluation Report.

### 5. CONTRIBUTION TO READING'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 The Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy has the following five priorities:

1. Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people
2. Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives
3. Help children and families in early years
4. Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people
5. Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults

5.2 The Community Vaccine Champions scheme has contributed to Priority 1 of the Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy with its aim of reducing variation in access to the COVID 19 vaccination programme.

## **6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no known implications in terms of climate emergency mitigation or adaptation.

## **7. COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**

7.1 The Community Vaccine Champions scheme has provided a local model of culturally sensitive community development and stakeholder engagement that has the potential to promote mental health and reduce health inequality amongst local vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.

## **8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

8.1 A central principle of the Community Vaccine Champions scheme has been to eliminate any discrimination and exclusion that may have resulted from challenges in access to the COVID 19 vaccination programme and to advance equality of opportunity and participation in health care for ethnic minority population groups in Reading.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Not Applicable.

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Not applicable

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

11.1 NONE