



### Action Plan for Health in the Midlands

Work is underway on the drafting of an Action Plan for Health in the Midlands. Members of the Midlands Engine Health Board have been reviewing the key priorities for health and life sciences and collaborating on a plan for delivery.

### Blueprint for Diabetes in the Midlands

Following the completion of the Blueprint for Diabetes in the Midlands, work is now underway to disseminate the blueprint to selected audiences. The report sets out key actions and principles that will support the implementation of new approaches to tackle this condition and its effects.

Diabetes, which disproportionately affects people in the Midlands, is a major indicator -and driver- of health inequality. The goals of the Blueprint mirror those of the Levelling Up White Paper, particularly as they relate to health inequalities.

Staff from Novo Nordisk, Midlands Health Alliance and Midlands Engine Health are collaborating on the dissemination plans, which will include presentation to parliamentarians.



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### Mental Health & Productivity Pilot

The external evaluation of the pilot has entered its second phase. Traverse Ltd, the external evaluator commissioned to complete the review, has been working with the project team to select the best method of gathering data. The researchers will shortly embark on a programme of in-depth interviews with 30 employers as part of a deep dive into the efficacy of the pilot.

### UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITY

#### Headline 1

The research team at the Manufacturing Technology Centre (MTC) have completed their report into the health manufacturing sector. The work is currently being reviewed and will be published shortly.

#### Headline 2

The Health Board will meet in person in April to discuss the Action Plan for Health and plans for activities over the coming months.

#### Headline 3

The Medilink Innovation Day is scheduled for 12 May. The event will include conference activities and exhibition stands. This year will mark the first Medilink Midlands-wide Innovation Day following the successful merger of the East and West Midlands Medilink organisations.

