

Implementing the Health and Wellbeing Passport

1. Summary

York Local Involvement Network (LINK) will introduce an example of a Health and Wellbeing Passport. Please see **Annex A**.

The aim of the Health and Wellbeing Passport is to help people involved in the care of someone with long term conditions, understand the impact the conditions has on that person and their resulting needs. The passport is held and owned by a person and it contains information about them and their carer, their condition, preferences and medication. It can be easily adapted to suit individuals.

The passport can be used when a person goes into respite care, or when they stay in hospital. It can also be shared with their GP, community nurses, therapists, ambulance staff, and anyone else involved in their care.

The Health and Wellbeing Passport has been developed by York LINK in association with a number of other health and wellbeing organisations in York.

2. Strategic links to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

A cross-cutting principle within the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy is to:

'Increase the choice and control of people who use our services-how they want their care or support delivered, from where and by whom, throughout the course of their life.'

Creating a health and wellbeing passport is one of the seven cross-cutting actions for delivery over the next three years:

'Create a health and wellbeing passport which is recognised by and used across all partners and sectors and join together existing health passports relevant to specific conditions.'

The introduction of health and wellbeing passports is also relevant to the following principle within the priority 'Making York a great place for older people to live'.

'Advocate more choice and control for people over their care and support, particularly at the end of their lives and where they wish to die.'

The health and wellbeing passport will provide a reliable picture of an individual's health needs. Held by individuals, the passport will allow information about their health needs to be better shared, communicated and understood when they are accessing health services. It will increase a person's control over information relating to their health and wellbeing and help ensure that services respond to their preferences and choices they have made about their own health and wellbeing.

3. Council Plan

The proposals in this paper have particular relevance to the 'Building Strong Communities' and 'Protecting Vulnerable People' strands of the council plan.

4. Implications

- **Financial**

The health and wellbeing strategy will impact on service planning and commissioning decisions. The health and wellbeing board will not take specific decisions on services or commissioning, however they will set the strategic direction for health and wellbeing services over the next three years.

- **Human Resources (HR)**

No HR implications

- **Equalities**

The health and wellbeing strategy may well affect access to service provision. Decisions about accessing specific services will not be taken by the board. Addressing health inequality and targeting more resource towards the greatest need should positively impact on equalities. A community impact assessment (CIA) has been carried out on the strategy's priorities, before it is signed off in April 2013.

- **Legal**
No legal implications
- **Crime and Disorder**
No crime and disorder implications
- **Information Technology (IT)**
No IT implications
- **Property**
No Property implications
- **Other**

5. Risk Management

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this paper.

6. Recommendations

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- A. Agree to pilot the use of the Health and Wellbeing Passport within their own organisations within the next six months (by June 2013).
- B. If the pilot is successful, commit in the longer term to use the passport across the whole organisation and services it provides/commissions.

Reason: Health and Wellbeing Passports are a specific action within the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy. They enable increased understanding of needs and are one way of increasing the control people have over their care and support.

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8. Wards Affected:

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9. Attachments

**Annex A
Health and Wellbeing Passport**