

## **Outline draft of the health and wellbeing strategy**

### **1. Summary**

This report provides an overview of York's draft health and wellbeing strategy. The strategy is in its early stages of development, but what is written so far will give an indication of its scope and content and the future direction of health and wellbeing priorities in the city.

It is important to note that this strategy will not cover or impact on all health and social care services in York. The aim is that it prioritises the issues requiring the greatest attention. We realise we cannot take action on everything at once therefore we will not have a long list of everything that might be done. What our strategy will set out is what we will focus on and the key issues and actions that we think will make the biggest difference.

### **2. Background**

The draft health and wellbeing strategy draws on a variety of evidence and research and reflects a number of strategies and frameworks, both national and local. The most significant piece of evidence relevant to the strategy is 'Health and Wellbeing in York, Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2012' (JSNA). This provides a comprehensive assessment of the health and wellbeing needs in the city. The four themes identified in the JSNA that have set the direction for our strategy are:

- Our population is ageing and will place increasing demands on health and social care services
- Health and wellbeing inequalities exist in the city and must be tackled
- We need to know more about the mental health needs of our population
- We must intervene early and give children and young people the best possible start in life

### **3. An overview of the strategy**

Directly responding to themes identified in the JSNA and following consultation at the health and wellbeing stakeholder event in May, the five priorities of York's health and wellbeing strategy are:

1. Making York a great place for older people to live
2. Reducing health inequality
3. Improving mental health and intervening early
4. Enabling all children and young people to have the best start in life
5. Creating a financially sustainable local health and wellbeing system

Following confirmation of these priorities by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board on 4th July, we consulted with over 200 people - community groups and representatives, frontline staff, management teams, elected Members and commissioners and providers from across all sectors. For each of our priorities we have asked them what they think would make the biggest difference and what commitments they would like to see in York's health and wellbeing strategy.

On 14th September members of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing attended a dedicated strategy workshop to consider these proposals. They agreed the principles and actions that will help us achieve our priorities.

An outline strategy has now been written, which draws on these views.

**The outline draft health and wellbeing strategy 'Improving Health and Wellbeing in York' is attached as Annex A.**

### **4. Next steps**

We would now like to approach the people we engaged with to develop this draft strategy to ask them to review it, ensuring that it reflects their views and includes the right principles and actions.

We will continue to work on and improve the draft strategy throughout the autumn and we aim to have it finalised by the end of November. We will be seeking approval at the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board on 5<sup>th</sup> December.

## 5. Council Plan

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

## 6. 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. To ensure that we do not have a negative effect on equalities, a community impact assessment will be carried out before the strategy is signed off in December 2012.

- **Legal**

No legal implications

- **Crime and Disorder**

No crime and disorder implications

- **Information Technology (IT)**

No IT implications

- **Property**

No Property implications

## 7. Risk Management

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

## 8. Recommendations

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to review the draft strategy and consider:

- Is its scope right?
- Does it include the right principles and actions?
- Will the principles and actions help us achieve our priorities?
- Do the actions reflect our principles
- Are there anything missing, any comments or suggested improvements?

Reason: To ensure that the strategy reflects the future direction of health and well-being priorities in the city.

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### **Annexes**

**Annex A York's draft health and wellbeing strategy 'Improving Health and Wellbeing in York'**