

## **The Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its Deliverability**

### **1. Summary**

This report provides an overview of York's draft health and wellbeing strategy. The strategy continues to develop following its review at the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board (SHWB) on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The purpose of this paper is to request that:

1. The SHWB review the draft strategy, paying particular attention to the actions within it.
2. The SHWB consider each of these actions, ensuring that they are able to support their delivery in the next three years.
3. The SHWB understand and are aware of the impact of committing to these actions and the subsequent consequences, such as, redesigning pathways to care, the resources required and the need to re-prioritise or re-commission services.
4. Any challenges or barriers to delivering or supporting the actions within the strategy are identified and brought to the SHWB on 5<sup>th</sup> December for discussion.
5. Members of the SHWB take the draft health and wellbeing strategy to their management teams for review and comment before the next SHWB on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

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 over the next three years.

## **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 inequalities
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

**The following decisions and progress has been made to date:**

- 29<sup>th</sup> May – Health and Wellbeing stakeholder event: consultation on draft priorities emerging from the JSNA
- 4<sup>th</sup> July – Confirmation of Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board
- July to September – Meetings with Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board Members to identify actions to achieve the priorities

- July to September – A series of meetings and workshops with community groups, community representatives and frontline staff to identify actions to achieve the priorities.
- 14<sup>th</sup> September – Shadow Health and Wellbeing attended a dedicated strategy session to consider and agree proposed actions to achieve the priorities.
- September – Outline health and wellbeing strategy drafted based on input from previous consultation and engagement.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Outline draft reviewed by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board.
- October to November- Series of meetings with lead officers from the council and key partners to develop the strategy and gain their input.
- October-November – Re-drafting and editing the strategy to reflect this input.

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

#### **4. Next steps**

Now that a full draft of the strategy has been produced, we are in the process of consulting with community groups, community representatives, staff and partner organisations to ensure that we have taken account of people’s views and suggestions, where possible and the strategy focuses on the right principles and actions. It is important that we get the support and commitment of our stakeholders so we know the strategy will be used in practice, it will be delivered and it will make a positive difference to health and wellbeing provision and services in York.

The following engagement is planned between November and January 2013:

- Meet with senior officers, who will disseminate the draft strategy within their teams and encourage input and feedback.

- Consult with the health and wellbeing workforce within the council, via an online survey.
- Health and wellbeing organisations will also be encouraged to post this online survey on their own internal websites.
- A series of consultation events via York CVS to engage community groups and community representatives in the voluntary sector.
- 18<sup>th</sup> January – Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder Event which will include a workshop on the draft strategy.

On 30<sup>th</sup> January the draft of the health and wellbeing strategy will be presented to the SHWB for final review. Approval and sign off of the strategy will be at the following SHWB in April 2013 (date to be confirmed).

## **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. 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**

## **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:**

- A. Review the draft strategy, paying particular attention to the actions within it.
- B. Consider each of these actions, ensuring that they are able to support their delivery in the next three years.
- C. Ensure they understand and are aware of the impact of committing to these actions and the subsequent consequences, such as, redesigning pathways to care, the resources required and the need to re-prioritise or re-commission services.
- D. That any challenges or barriers to delivering or supporting the actions within the strategy are identified and brought to the SHWB on 5<sup>th</sup> December for discussion.
- E. Members of the SHWB take the draft health and wellbeing strategy to their management teams for review and comment before the next SHWB on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013.

**Reason:** to ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy has the support of all the organisations represented on the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board and that we have the collective commitment to deliver it.

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**10. Wards Affected:**

**All**

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**11. Attachments**

**Annex A**

**Please see attached York's draft health and wellbeing strategy  
'Improving Health and Wellbeing in York'**