

WIRRAL SHADOW HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Meeting Date	13 March 2013		Agenda Item	5		
Report Title	Health and Wellbeing Strategy					
Responsible Board Member	Director of Public Health					
Link To Shadow HWB Function	Board development		X			
	JSNA/JHWS		X			
	Health and social care integrated commissioning or provision		X			
Equality Impact Assessment Required & Attached	Yes		No		N/A	Not yet done
Purpose	For approval	X	To note		To assure	
Summary of Paper	<p>Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Health and Wellbeing Boards will be established. One of their key roles is the production of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy set outs how the Board intends to achieve its vision to enable local people to live healthy lives, tackle health inequalities and increase wellbeing in the communities and people of Wirral</p>					
Financial Implications (none at this stage)	Total financial implication		New investment required		Source of investment (e.g. name of budget)	
	£		£		£	
Risks and Preventive Measures	The production of the strategy is a statutory requirement. Failure to deliver the strategy may mean that community needs are not addressed appropriately and the board is not meeting its statutory duty.					
Details of Any Public/Patient/Service User Engagement	There has been extensive engagement and consultation with the public and all stakeholders regarding the development of the Strategy, including a questionnaire to the public (over 600 responses) and a number of stakeholder events.					
Recommendations/Next Steps	The Board is asked to approve the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Wirral, note that further work is required on the action plans, with further amendments to the plan being developed in conjunction with the borough's partnership planning arrangements.					
Report History						
Submitted to:		Date:		Summary of outcome:		
Health and Wellbeing Shadow Board meeting		12.12.2012		Health and wellbeing priorities for 2013/14 agreed, allowing progression to the next stage of Strategy development (individual work streams action planning)		
Health and Wellbeing Shadow Board meeting		25.01.2012		Update on progress		
List of Appendices						
Publish On Website	Yes	X	Private Business	Yes		
	No			No	X	

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Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Background

1. Under the Health and Social Care Act, 2012 all upper tier and unitary local authorities in England will take on a new duty in April 2013 to take such steps as they consider appropriate for improving the health of the population of their area. An important step in exercising this duty is the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board as a statutory committee of the Council and the production of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
2. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out how the Board intends to achieve its vision to enable local people to live healthy lives, tackle health inequalities and increase wellbeing in the communities and people of Wirral

Purpose of report

3. The purpose of this report is to appraise the Board of work undertaken to produce the first Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Wirral and to obtain approval for publication of the strategy.

Development of the strategy

4. The Strategy sets out the overarching framework that describes how the public, private and voluntary sectors will work together with Wirral residents to improve the health and wellbeing of local people. The strategy provides a basis for the commissioning of health, social care and wellbeing services in Wirral. The development of this strategy has provided an opportunity for partnership working and builds on previous work of organisations that form the Health and Wellbeing Board.
5. This strategy does not replace existing commissioning plans; rather it is aligned with them. It is intended to support the commissioning of health, social care and wellbeing services. Key priorities and outcomes have been developed in consultation with stakeholders and will be evaluated and updated every year in the light of progress and feedback from stakeholders, including local residents.
6. The strategy is based on:
 - National and local evidence of health needs. The local evidence comes from our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which includes a wide range of health and wellbeing issues
 - Existing local strategies and plans that impact on health and wellbeing
 - Public and stakeholder consultation
 - Benchmarking our own plans against those we have reviewed in other local authorities
7. To address the challenges identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, three priority programme areas for shared action have been agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board, based on public and stakeholder consultation and evidence of what works. The priority programme areas agreed for year one of this strategy are:
 - Mental Health
 - Older people
 - Alcohol misuse
8. The Board will focus on these priority areas in year one of its operation to improve the health and wellbeing of local people. In each of the priority areas the board will work to improve the health of the worst off fastest through greater improvements in more disadvantaged communities and vulnerable groups.

9. For each priority area we have identified a number of key outcomes to demonstrate the difference being made locally, by delivery of this strategy and all the other plans and actions it influences.

How will the strategy be delivered?

10. The Health and Wellbeing Board will review the strategy on a six monthly basis with an annual revision. The action plans developed for the priority areas set out a programme of activities to address the priorities and achieve outcomes. Further work is required on the action plans to ensure that they are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely).
11. The Strategy is not a static document; to date we have focused on year one of the operation of the Board. The strategy is an iterative document and will be developed in the light of the developing partnership planning agenda in the borough as illustrated thorough the development of the Public Sector Board.

Action required

12. The Board is asked to approve the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Wirral and note that further work is required on the action plans, with further amendments to the plan being developed in conjunction with the borough's partnership planning arrangements.

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