

Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

13 January 2020

Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy



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Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to present the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) 2020-2025 for comment, and advise the committee that a presentation will be delivered at the meeting on 13 January 2020. The draft strategy is attached as Appendix 2.

Executive summary

- 2 The JHWS is a legal requirement under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, to ensure health and social care agencies work together to agree services and initiatives which should be prioritised.
- 3 The Health and Wellbeing Board has the responsibility to deliver the JHWS, which is informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), as part of Durham Insight, which is an assessment of the current and future health, wellbeing and social care needs of residents in County Durham.
- 4 The current strategy runs until the end of 2019 and therefore a new strategy is required to meet this duty. An interim strategy will provide a holding position for a year while a strategic governance review of partnerships is undertaken, linked to the new County Durham Vision 2035 which was agreed by the County Durham Partnership as our shared vision for the next 15 years under the following three strategic ambitions:
 - (a) More and better jobs

(b) People live long and independent lives

(c) Connected communities.

- 5 The JHWS has also been aligned to the Director of Public Health Annual Report 2018, the developing Five Year Health and Care System Plan and the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System/Plan.

Recommendation(s)

- 6 Members of Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee are recommended to:

(a) Receive a presentation at the meeting 13 January 2020

(b) Provide comment on the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy to andrea.petty@durham.gov.uk or julie.bradbrook@durham.gov.uk by 14 February 2020.

Background

- 7 The development of the JHWS has been aligned to the new County Durham Vision 2035, which is a document developed with partners as a shared vision for the next 15 years with the following three strategic ambitions:
 - (a) More and better jobs
 - (b) People live long and independent lives
 - (c) Connected communities
- 8 The JHWS will take forward aspects of the vision that are focussed on the health and wellbeing of residents of County Durham and will contribute to other areas, working in partnership with other strategic partnership boards.
- 9 Work has taken place through a strategy development group (comprising of representatives from Durham County Council, Public Health and Culture and Leisure, Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust, Clinical Commissioning Groups, County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue service and Area Action Partnerships) to ensure that the JHWS is fit for purpose and reflects the work being undertaken in partnership by organisations across the county.

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- 10 The vision for the Health and Wellbeing Board is agreed as '**County Durham is a healthy place, where people live well for longer**'.
- 11 Following discussion at the development session on 14 November 2019 and discussion at the HWB meeting on 27 November 2019 agreement has been made to reduce the strategic priorities to three.
- 12 As there are major differences in the health that people experience and differences between the health of local people and those across England, the Board will also ensure mental health and social determinants of health are cross cutting themes throughout the strategy, because of the impact they can have on people's health and wellbeing. These include the environment in which people live, access to a good education, housing, the food people eat, money and resources, family, friends and communities and good work.
- 13 The proposed three strategic priorities will be reframed as follows:

- (a) Starting Well: This starts with a baby's mother being healthy before and during pregnancy as well as the experiences that children have early in their life, as these play a key part in their health as adults.
- (b) Living Well: Having good jobs, health promoting environments, quality housing, active travel opportunities, and optimum mental health all have a positive influence on people's overall health and wellbeing and improve our chances of remaining healthy and well during adulthood and into older adulthood.
- (c) Ageing Well: The length of life of local people continues to rise, and we want to work to ensure that the number of years that people live healthy, independent lives increases too. We will also ensure that when the time comes, people receive good quality end of life care and have a good death.

14 Six objectives have also been chosen across the three strategic priorities, that are of importance given the impact they have on people's health and of where we want to be in 2025. It is recognised that these are challenging, but by working together across our partnerships and local communities we can make a difference:

- (a) Improve healthy life expectancy and reduce the gap within County Durham and between County Durham and England
- (b) We will have a smoke free environment with over 95% of our residents not smoking and an ambition that no child will be born to a mother who smokes
- (c) Close the gap in the employment rate between those living with a long-term health condition, learning disability, in contact with secondary mental health services and the overall employment rate
- (d) Over 90% of our children aged 4-5 years, and 79% of children aged 10-11 years are of a healthy weight
- (e) Improved self-reported wellbeing
- (f) Increase the number of organisations involved in Better Health at Work Award

15 In addition, a number of milestones are included in the JHWS to identify the changes we expect to see each year in a number of performance areas.

- 16 Work will take place with relevant performance leads as part of the strategy development group meetings to ensure that key performance indicators are identified to ensure realistic, but challenging measures are in place. The aim is to streamline the previous arrangements so there is focus for the Board on those performance issues that are the hardest to address. Regular updates will be provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board as part of its work programme.
- 17 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) is being undertaken alongside the development of the JHWS.

Consultation

- 18 Work has taken place with partners to develop the JHWS, and the draft strategy has been shared within individual partner organisations.
- 19 The following will be utilised to provide comment, prior to sign off of the JHWS at the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2020:
 - a) Wider consultation via the Durham County Council website from **17 December 2019 to 14 February 2020**. Consultation will take place with a number of groups and fora including the Area Action Partnerships, Better Together Forum, Armed Forces Forum, Local Councils Working Group, Investing in Children and the Learning Disabilities Parliament. Public Health colleagues will also be instrumental in this consultation work
 - b) Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees **17 January 2020**
 - c) Final sign off of the JHWS will take place at the Health and Wellbeing Board's meeting on **11 March 2020**.

Conclusion

- 20 The development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been led by a partnership group. The Strategy has been informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which provides the evidence base on which the priorities have been developed. The JHWS is also aligned to the County Durham Vision 2035 and will be the delivery mechanism for some of the ambitions in the vision, particularly relating to living long and independent lives. Further work will take place with the Health and Wellbeing Board and with partners to develop the Strategy prior to agreement in March 2020.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places clear duties on local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to prepare a JHWS. The JHWS is based on evidence in the JSNA.

Finance

Ongoing pressure on the public services will challenge all agencies to consider how best to ensure effective services are delivered in the most efficient way. The demographic profile of the County in terms of both an ageing and projected increase in population will present future budget pressures to the County Council and NHS partners for the commissioning of health and social care services.

Consultation

Details of consultation are provided in the report.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

An EIA will be undertaken alongside the development of the JHWS

Climate Change

There are no climate change implications

Human Rights

There are no adverse implications

Crime and Disorder

The JHWS is aligned with and contributes to the current priorities within the Safe Durham Partnership Plan which focuses on crime and disorder.

Staffing

There are no staffing implications.

Accommodation

There are no accommodation implications

Risk

There are no risk implications

Procurement

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 outlines that commissioners should take regard of the JHWS when exercising their functions in relation to the commissioning of health and social care services.

Appendix 2: Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Attached as a separate document