

Health and Wellbeing Board

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County Durham's Approach to Wellbeing – Case Study 1



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Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide.

Purpose of the Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to share the details of a case study in using the County Durham Approach to Wellbeing.

Executive summary

- 2 The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the County Durham Approach to Wellbeing on 27 November 2019 and proposed that case studies be presented at future meetings to highlight the way in which the wellbeing principles were being adopted by partners.
- 3 This case study highlights the use of the Wellbeing Approach in two areas that are in the early stages of developing services for young people.
- 4 In the first project, partners have been looking at new approaches to the delivery of early help through using a place-based approach. The second project aims to work with families to improve access to food for pupils during school holidays.
- 5 Using the Wellbeing Principles to guide project development, the working groups have been identifying communities to work with, highlighting opportunities to engage parents, and identify and mobilise local assets. The Wellbeing Principles have also been used to support a bid for a £1m Grant from DfE to roll out a coordinated approach to the delivery of holiday activities with healthy food across County Durham.

Recommendation

Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

This work supports the Council's statutory responsibility to improve and protect the health and wellbeing of local residents¹.

Finance

There are no financial implications arising from adoption of the Approach to Wellbeing at present.

Consultation

Formal consultation on the Approach to Wellbeing is not appropriate, although adoption of the Approach does encourage partners to ensure greater community engagement in the development of services.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Utilisation of this approach would support equality and diversity, emphasising the importance of citizens having equal opportunities regardless of where they belong, highlighting the need to address and reduce health inequalities, and valuing the diversity that people can bring to their communities as local assets.

Human Rights

This work would respect the human rights of citizens across County Durham, working with communities regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language or any other status. In particular the work to engage communities would encourage freedom of opinion and expression.

Climate Change

None

Crime and Disorder

Improving community engagement and cohesion has the potential to reduce crime and disorder.

Staffing

There are no staffing implications arising from this approach at present.

Accommodation

¹ Health and Social Care Act 2012

There are no accommodation implications arising from this approach at present.

Risk

Partnership support will be required to take forward this Approach to Wellbeing and failure of this support may result in a risk to its adoption. The evidence base suggests that its introduction will result in improved health outcomes for communities, therefore the risk if it is not adopted is that improvement in health outcomes may be more limited.

Procurement

One of the key principles contained in this approach is the need to ensure collaborative commissioning and co-design of services. Adoption of this Approach to Wellbeing will therefore have an impact on the way in which services are commissioned in the future.