

Health and Wellbeing Board

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County Durham's Approach to Wellbeing – Case Study 2



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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.

Recommendation

- 3 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:
 - (a) Note the use of the Approach to Wellbeing in this case study and the opportunity it has brought to encourage greater community engagement and co-production in the development of new services and well as building stronger relationships between commissioners and service providers.

Background

- 4 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.
- 5 This case study highlights the use of the Wellbeing Approach in by the Adults and Health Commissioning Team.
- 6 In the first example, the commissioning team have been using the wellbeing principles to inform the content of their contracts, embedding the principles in the work of service providers and encouraging a stronger approach to asset identification and mobilisation, as well as the codesign of services.
- 7 The second example highlights alliance contracting, a new approach to commissioning that is being explored with the Chief Procurement Officer, and is intended to develop closer working relationships with voluntary and community sectors, in support of the new County Durham Vision.

Conclusion

- 8 Members of the Board will have an overview of the way in which the Wellbeing Approach is being used across Adults and Healt Services Commissioning Team.

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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.