

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
SUBJECT:	JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY – CONSULTATIVE DRAFT
DATE OF DECISION:	15 TH AUGUST 2012
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Health and Social Care Act 2000 places a duty on Southampton City Council and Southampton City Clinical Commissioning Group to produce a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). A draft strategy has been prepared and is now the subject of a period of engagement to enable stakeholders and the public to comment. The scrutiny panel is now invited to contribute to the engagement process and respond to the document.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the scrutiny panel considers the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy and responds to the consultation questions set out in the document.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To enable the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel to consider the contents of the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and to submit comments in response to the draft document.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a duty on upper tier local authorities and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) to produce a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The strategy must address needs identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and the CCG and the local authority “must, in exercising any functions, have regard to” both the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the JHWS . The Health and Wellbeing Board will subsequently review the commissioning plans developed by the CCG and the local authority to assess whether they address the needs and priorities identified in the JSNA and the JHWS. As the Department of Health has stated, “JSNAs and joint health and wellbeing strategies are not ends in themselves, but a means to improve health and wellbeing outcomes through evidence based strategic commissioning and positive action.”
3. The council and Southampton City CCG have worked jointly through the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board to develop a draft strategy document. Using the information in the JSNA, which was reviewed and update in 2011, the strategy identifies 6 priority areas and a series of actions designed to improve the health of people living in Southampton and to reduce health inequalities. A copy of the draft strategy is attached at Appendix 1.

4. The 6 priorities set out in the draft strategy are:

1. Early years and childhood – sustaining work to support vulnerable families with young children
2. Adolescence and young adulthood – taking action to reduce the harm to individuals and society caused by misuse of alcohol and drugs
3. Working age adults – working with employers and local education providers to support people into employment and prevent people falling out of employment due to ill health
4. Helping people grow old and stay well
5. Reducing admissions to hospital from preventable causes of both physical and mental ill health
6. Improving housing options and conditions for people in the city to support healthy lifestyles

Each of these priorities are underpinned by evidence set out in the JSNA, and summarised in the tables in the draft strategy document, alongside the actions proposed.

5. Key outcomes sought from the consultation include identifying whether the right priorities and actions have been identified, and if not then which ones should be included. There are clearly a large number of actions identified in the draft strategy, and through the consultation it is hoped to identify those matters of greatest concern to the widest number of individuals and stakeholders. This will then help to prioritise actions and enable the council, the CCG, and National Commissioning Board where appropriate, to focus efforts on addressing key issues and making demonstrable improvements to health outcomes and reducing health inequalities.
6. A key ambition of the strategy is to develop an asset based approach and through this to identify resources that exist in communities across the city which may not be known about but which can deliver health and wellbeing improvements. This work is still at an early stage of development. Through responses to question 4 in each section, stakeholders will be able to identify ways in which they feel able to deliver the actions proposed, and these may lead to innovative and cost-effect ways of working to deliver improvements.
7. The JHWS is not intended to be an exhaustive list of everything that needs to be done across health and social care systems. It aims to follow key aspect of the guidance issued by the Department of Health in respect of JSNAs and JHWSs. As the forward to the draft strategy identifies it should not try to solve everything, but should take a strategic overview on how to address the key issues identified in the JSNA, including tackling the worst inequalities. It also aims to follow the advice by concentrating on an achievable amount. The responses to the consultation will help identify the key issues and actions.
8. The Act places a duty on local authorities to involve the community in undertaking JSNAs and JHWSs. In addition to placing the draft strategy on the PCT and council websites and directly contacting key stakeholders, Southampton LINK is undertaking a specific piece of work to engage the

general public, which will include a public event in September.

9. The draft strategy deliberately attempts to be much more than a document about actions for just the health and social care systems. The JSNA identified that issues such as employment, earnings, housing, access to leisure and a safe environment all have major contributions to make to health and wellbeing, and all these topics are covered in the draft strategy document.

Conclusion

10. The process of developing the draft strategy for Southampton attempts to follow the values identified by the Department of Health that will underpin a successful JHWS. These are:
 - setting shared priorities based on evidence of greatest need
 - setting out a clear rationale for the locally agreed priorities and also what that means for the other needs identified in JSNAs and how they will be handled with an outcomes focus
 - not trying to solve everything, but taking a strategic overview on how to address the key issues identified in JSNAs, including tackling the worst inequalities,
 - concentrating on an achievable amount – prioritisation is difficult but important to maximise resources and focus on issues where the greatest outcomes can be achieved
 - addressing issues through joint working across local the local system and also describing what individual services will do to tackle priorities supporting increased choice and control by people who use services with independence, prevention and integration at the heart of such support.
11. Following the conclusion of the consultation process , the strategy will be re-drafted taking account of the comments received and priorities identified, and then submitted to the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board. Following consideration by the board it will then be submitted to the Cabinet and the CCG Board for adoption.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12. There is no alternative, as the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a duty under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

13. None at this stage. The actions adopted in the final version of the strategy will inform commissioning plans, which themselves will then be determined by the budgets set by both the council and the CCG.

Property/Other

14. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory Power to undertake the proposals in the report:

15. Section 193 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires local authorities

and clinical commissioning groups to prepare a JSNA and a JHWS.

Other Legal Implications:

16. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

17. None.

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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	Gaining Healthier Lives in a Healthier City: Southampton Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Consultative Draft, July 2012

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject/recommendations in the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
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1.	None	
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Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	
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