

# Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

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## Improving Lives Strategy 2019-2028

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<b>Summary:</b>	<p>The Improving Lives strategy for Somerset presents a ten-year vision for how we want all organisations to work together as a partnership to improve the lives of our population. The strategy for 2019-2028 presents four priority areas for action. These priorities have been developed in consultation with key stakeholders and are backed by a strong evidence base considering the local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.</p> <p>The strategy underwent a full 9 week public consultation between June and August. The purpose of the consultation was to seek views and gather opinions from individuals, groups and organisations on the draft Improving Lives Strategy. The final strategy takes these into consideration.</p>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p><b>That the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board:</b></p> <p>a. <b>Adopts the Improving Lives Strategy 2019-2028</b></p>
<b>Reasons for recommendations:</b>	<p>It is a statutory duty of every Health and Wellbeing Board to have in place a Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the local population. The current Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy will expire at the end of 2018.</p> <p>The strategy has been through extensive consultation and development. The final strategy will be formally launched in December.</p>
<b>Links to Somerset</b>	The Improving Lives Strategy will be the new name for the

<b>Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b>	Health and Wellbeing Strategy and will fulfil the statutory duty placed on the Health and Wellbeing Board.
<b>Financial, Legal and HR Implications:</b>	<p>There is no additional funding to support specific pieces of work required for the Improving Lives strategy and work to produce the strategy must be undertaken within existing staff capacity.</p> <p>This strategy will seek to influence the existing spend across the Somerset system to achieve greater investment over time in Improving Lives and preventing escalating needs in the population. A shared approach across our county and communities will provide a greater impact for the Somerset pound.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>
<b>Equalities Implications:</b>	<p>The Improving Lives Strategy has been developed with full consideration of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which pays due regard to protected characteristics. The consultation documents were made available in different formats including an easy read version and on print copies.</p> <p>The process of developing the strategy into yearly workplans for the Health and Wellbeing Board will pay due regard to protected characteristics. As part of this process equality impact assessments will be conducted on the proposed workplans.</p>
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Any failure by commissioners to fully take into account the Improving Lives Strategy when taking commissioning decisions across agencies is very likely to have detrimental impacts on service improvement and delivery and the reduction of inequalities.

## 1. Background

- 1.1. The current Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Somerset runs until the end of 2018.
- 1.2. The Improving Lives strategy will take a longer-term view and will set the strategic priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Board for the next 10 years. The strategy is aligned with the multi-agency County vision for Somerset which places an emphasis on improving lives:
  - A thriving and productive Somerset that is ambitious, confident and focussed on improving people's lives
  - A County of resilient, well-connected and safe and strong communities working to reduce inequalities
  - A County infrastructure that supports affordable housing, economic prosperity and sustainable public services
  - A County and environment where all partners, private and voluntary

sector, focus on improving the health and wellbeing of all our communities

- 1.3. The four strategic priorities have been developed taking into consideration findings from consultation with key stakeholders and are backed by a strong evidence base considering the local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
  - **Priority 1:** A county infrastructure that drives productivity, supports economic prosperity and sustainable public services
  - **Priority 2:** Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment
  - **Priority 3:** Fairer life chances and opportunity for all
  - **Priority 4:** Improved health and wellbeing and more people living healthy and independent lives for longer
- 1.4. The Improving Lives Strategy identifies key partnership Boards for delivery and sets out how the Health and Wellbeing Board will work with partners over the next ten years to achieve progress against the strategic priorities.
- 1.5. The strategy highlights the need for a radical upgrade in prevention, moving from a demand-driven system to one that prioritises prevention and early intervention,

## 2. Consultations undertaken

- 2.1. An engagement event was held with members of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and other identified stakeholders in December 2017. The event was attended by 45 people representing over 20 different organisations. Participants were presented with a summary of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and asked to participate in a priority setting exercise.
- 2.2. Further engagement has been conducted with members of the District Councils, the CCG Service User Engagement Group (SEAG), the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) strategic forum, and other County Council Services.
- 2.3. The JSNA Technical Working Group (TWG) has provided a wider stakeholder steering group and produced evidence to inform the four strategic priorities being consulted on.
- 2.4. Between June and August 2018 a 9 week public consultation was held. The consultation was supported by a dedicated consultation webpage which hosted all consultation documents, the online survey and an easy read version of the strategy to download. The final consultation report is available [online](#).

## 3. Implications

- 3.1. The Department of Health (DH) guidance suggests that commissioning plans of

CCGs, NHS England and local authorities will be expected to be informed by relevant JSNAs and the health and wellbeing strategy. Where plans are not in line, the organisations could potentially be asked to explain why. The policy intention as cited by the DH is that *“local services which impact upon health and wellbeing will be based on evidence of local health and wellbeing needs and assets, including the views of the community; meaning that services and the way in which they are provided meet local needs.”*

#### **4. Background papers**

##### **4.1. Appendix A – Improving Lives Strategy**