

Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board

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Improving Lives Strategy 2019-2028

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Summary:	<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 and therefore the process is underway to refresh and update the strategy.</p> <p>Alongside the updated Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the County Council has been working in collaboration with key stakeholders to develop a multi-agency vision for the county. The vision is all about ‘improving lives’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving and productive County 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, public, private and voluntary sector focus on improving the health and wellbeing of all our communities. <p>The vision is aimed to be a vision for all partners. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will define the contribution of the Health and Wellbeing Board to delivery of this vision.</p> <p>The strategy will take a broad view and consider all of the many factors which impact on health and wellbeing, including growth, education, housing and lifestyle. It will be referred to as the ‘Improving Lives’ strategy and will take a longer term view (10 years) in order for its impact to be measurable.</p> <p>Following consultation and engagement with Health and Wellbeing Board Members and wider stakeholders, four strategic priorities have emerged for the strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A county infrastructure that drives productivity, supports economic prosperity and sustainable public services 		

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Safe, vibrant and well-balanced communities able to enjoy and benefit from the natural environment 3. Fairer life chances and opportunity for all 4. Improved health and wellbeing and more people living healthy and independent lives for longer
Recommendations:	<p>That the Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board agrees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The draft Improving Lives Strategy to go for public consultation with the following proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be referred to as the Improving Lives Strategy ○ The Improving Lives Strategy will adopt the County Vision (being considered at the County Council on 16.05.18) ○ The Improving Lives Strategy will take a longer term, ten year view ○ The Improving Lives Strategy will focus on four strategic priorities
Links to Somerset Health and Wellbeing Strategy	The Improving Lives Strategy will be the new name for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and will fulfil the statutory duty placed on the Health and Wellbeing Board.
Financial, Legal and HR Implications:	<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 mitigated by staff capacity. Funding may be required for the public consultation aspects of the Improving Lives Strategy.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>
Equalities Implications:	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will pay due regard to protected groups to identify health and social inequalities within the Somerset population.</p> <p>An equalities impact assessment will be conducted for the Improving Lives strategy prior to final publication.</p>
Risk Assessment:	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 and requires updating and refreshing.
- 1.2. The production of an updated Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Somerset will be informed by evidence gathered from Somerset JSNAs. Current data will be complemented by the views and experiences of local people.
- 1.3 The updated Health and Wellbeing Strategy will align with the new Multi-agency County Vision which places an emphasis on improving lives:
 - A thriving and productive County 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, public, private and voluntary sector focus on improving the health and wellbeing of all our communities.

1.4 The updated Health and Wellbeing Strategy will take a broad view on the determinants of health and wellbeing and will therefore be referred to as the 'Improving Lives Strategy'.

1.5 The Improving Lives strategy will take a longer term view and will set the strategic priorities for the next 10 years of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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 Once the strategic priorities are formally agreed by the HWB a formal 10 week public consultation will commence.

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 Draft Improving Lives strategy