

Wiltshire Council

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Subject: Wiltshire's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

**Cabinet member: Councillor Keith Humphries – Adult Care, Public Health & Protection and Housing
Councillor Laura Mayes – Children's Services**

Key Decision: No

Executive Summary

Wiltshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy was approved at the first meeting of Wiltshire's Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2013 and formally launched at the Health and Wellbeing Fair in Trowbridge in February 2014.

The preparation and approval of the strategy is a statutory function of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Proposal

That Cabinet note the importance of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its bearing on the delivery of council services.

Reason for Proposal

The plans of Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS England, and Wiltshire Council for commissioning services must be informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Where plans are not in line with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment or Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy then CCGs, NHS England and Wiltshire Council must be able to explain why.

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Purpose of Report

1. To outline the importance of Wiltshire's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the main considerations for Wiltshire Council.

Relevance to the Council's Business Plan

2. Wiltshire's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims to ensure that services are joined up and people can stay in their homes for longer. It also supports two of the six outcomes set out in the business plan, namely:
 - People in Wiltshire have healthy, active and high-quality lives
 - People are protected from harm, as much as possible, and feel safe

Main Considerations for the Council

3. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 amended the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to introduce duties and powers for Health and Wellbeing Boards on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWSs). The aim of JSNAs and JHWSs is to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and reduce inequalities for all ages. These will be used to help to determine what actions local authorities, the NHS and other partners need to take to meet health and social care needs and to address the wider determinants that impact on health and wellbeing.
3. Local authorities and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) have an equal and joint duty to prepare JSNAs and JHWSs, through the Health and Wellbeing Board. The JSNA should consider the health and social care needs for the area, as well as the assets that the local communities can offer to meet identified needs. The JHWS is a strategy for meeting the needs identified in the JSNA. It is not about taking action on everything at once; rather it sets out priorities for joint action.
4. Wiltshire's JHWS has four key aims:
 - Living longer

- Living healthily for longer and enjoying a good quality of life
- Living independently for longer
- Living fairly – reducing the higher levels of ill health faced by some less well-off communities

These aims will be delivered by the actions set out under four key themes:

- Prevention
- Independence
- Engagement
- Safeguarding

5. The full approved strategy is attached as **Appendix 1**. The plans of Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS England, and Wiltshire Council for commissioning services must be informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Where plans are not in line with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment or Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy then CCGs, NHS England and Wiltshire Council must be able to explain why.

Background

6. Wiltshire's first draft of the JHWS was drawn up in line with the guidance from government and through a steering group comprising representatives from Adults' and Children's Social Care, Public Health and the Clinical Commissioning Group.
7. A number of principles for the development of the JHWS were agreed, namely that it should:
 - Cover the whole local population across the life course
 - Prioritise issues that have the biggest impact
 - Focus on joint working
 - Be framed as a continuous/ iterative process – not a 'one-off'
 - Provide continuity with existing priorities where appropriate
 - Reflect the outcomes as set out in the national outcomes frameworks
 - Focus on improving health and wellbeing overall but making improvements faster for groups and communities that experience poorer health and quality of life
8. Three months consultation on a draft document was undertaken through Area Boards, partnership meetings, Clinical Commissioning Group executives, the Children's Trust and a public workshop. Following this the strategy was updated and an Easy Read version of the strategy was also produced. The JHWS was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board in September and formally launched by the Chair (Cllr Jane Scott) and Vice Chair (Dr Steve Rowlands) at the Health and Wellbeing Fair in February. The launch of the Strategy was followed by the signing of the draft Better Care Plan – which outlines how a new £27m pooled budget between Wiltshire Council and CCG will be used – and has now been submitted to government.

9. The Health and Wellbeing Board will be considering whether an update of Wiltshire's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is necessary in 12 months time, following publication of the latest figures for the Joint Strategic Assessment. Extensive consultation will inform any revision.

Safeguarding Implications

10. The strategy outlines a range of areas for joint working to ensure people are kept safe from avoidable harm.

Public Health Implications

11. The strategy outlines a range of areas for joint working on ensuring people are supported to live healthily.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

12. Carbon emissions will be reduced as a result of measures to tackle fuel poverty and encourage active travel.

Equalities Impact

13. One of the key aims of the strategy is to ensure the higher levels of ill health faced by some less well-off communities are reduced.

Financial Implications

14. The strategy sets out the main areas for joint working between health, public health and social care. Demographics and budgetary constraints provide a clear imperative for further joint working. The detailed financial implications of joint working or joint commissioning will be considered as detailed proposals are put to the Board.

Legal Implications

15. Legislation and government guidance sets out various requirements relating to the Joint Strategy. Namely Section 116A and 116B of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 which deal with the Joint Strategy; and section 196 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 which deals with the Board's involvement in the Joint Strategy, together with statutory guidance on preparing JSNAs and JHWS.
16. The Council and the CCG (acting through the Board) must prepare the Joint Strategy. The shadow Board delegated preparation of the first draft to a Steering Group (referred to at paragraph 7 above). The Steering Group completed the consultation exercise and made amendments to the first draft which was subsequently approved by the Board.
17. In preparing the Joint Strategy, the Board must:
 - consider how needs can be met more effectively using "Section 75" partnership arrangements. Many of the joint activities described in the JHWS are under active consideration for section 75 agreements and

could form the basis for these (or are already in place). Detailed proposals for s75 agreements will be developed for sign off on the basis of the areas for joint working in the strategy.

- have regard to (i) the Secretary of State's annual "Mandate" to NHS England. The NHS Mandate is structured around five key areas where the Government expects the NHS Commissioning Board to make improvements:
 1. preventing people from dying prematurely
 2. enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions
 3. helping people to recover from episodes of ill health or following injury
 4. ensuring that people have a positive experience of care
 5. treating and caring for people in a safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm.

Each of these is considered explicitly in the Strategy. The success of the mandate is being measured through the NHS Outcomes Framework which is also the basis of performance measures in the strategy.

- involve Healthwatch Wiltshire on a continuous basis. Wiltshire Involvement Network (the predecessor body) helped with the consultation event and Healthwatch Wiltshire Board approved the document on the basis of the consultation. Healthwatch will also be involved with any revisions to the strategy.
- involve the local community: as detailed above the strategy has been subject to wide-ranging consultation.

Conclusions

18. Wiltshire's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out a range of areas in which Wiltshire Council will be working with partners so that people have longer, healthier lives. The strategy will be revisited in 12 months time to ensure the commitments remain relevant.

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Background Papers

No unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Wiltshire's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy