

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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JOINT HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY THEME 1 REVIEW

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Summary

This report asks the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider how they and the organisations they represent can encourage and support the system to improve health and wellbeing with respect to the future state described for theme 1 of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy: Giving every child a good start.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a statutory duty on upper tier Local Authorities and NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), to develop a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). The priorities within a JHWS are derived from a range of sources. The primary source of evidence is generally the area's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Additional information to assist in the development of JHWS priorities comes from a range of partners and key stakeholders and the specific views of local people. National guidance does not specify how long a JHWS should stay in force. It is up to the Local Authority and CCG to determine the period to be covered by a JHWS.
- 1.2 On 6 November 2018, the Health and Wellbeing Board considered and approved the final Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2023 for presentation to Cabinet. The Cabinet subsequently approved the Strategy on 20 November 2018 (decision no. 134/2018 refers).
- 1.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board, as established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, aims to build strong and effective partnerships to improve the commissioning and delivery of services across NHS and local government and promotes integrated working between health and social care commissioners. The Statutory functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board are set out in Section 195 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and are reflected in the Terms of Reference for the Board set out in Chapter 3, Part 2 of the Council's Constitution (Responsibility for Council Functions).

1.4 The Council, the NHS and Healthwatch, as representatives on the Health and Wellbeing Board, work together to improve population health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities.

1.5 Section 195 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 describes the duty to encourage integrated working thus:

(1) A Health and Wellbeing Board must, for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the people in its area, encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in that area to work in an integrated manner.

(2) A Health and Wellbeing Board must, in particular, provide such advice, assistance or other support as it thinks appropriate for the purpose of encouraging the making of arrangements under section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 in connection with the provision of such services.

(3) A Health and Wellbeing Board may encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health-related services in its area to work closely with the Health and Wellbeing Board.

(4) A Health and Wellbeing Board may encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in its area and persons who arrange for the provision of any health-related services in its area to work closely together.

1.6 (5) Any reference in paragraph 1.5 of this report to the area of a Health and Wellbeing Board is a reference to the area of the local authority that established it.

1.6.1 “the health service” has the same meaning as in the National Health Service Act 2006;

1.6.2 “health services” means services that are provided as part of the health service in England;

1.6.3 “health-related services” means services that may have an effect on the health of individuals but are not health services or social care services;

1.6.4 “social care services” means services that are provided in pursuance of the social services functions of local authorities (within the meaning of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970).

2. Background

2.1 The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which can be found here <http://medwayjsna.info/downloads/Joint%20health%20and%20Wellbeing%20Strategy%202018-2023.pdf>, is based around five themes:

- Giving every child a good start;
- Enabling our older population to live independently and well;
- Preventing early death and increase years of healthy life;

- Improving physical and mental health and well-being; and
- Reducing health inequalities.

2.2 At the Health and Wellbeing Board Member Briefing Session on 2 July 2019, sub-groups of Members considered each of the themes and began to explore ways in which actors in the system can collaborate to advance progress within each theme.

3. Advice and analysis

3.1 There are many factors that influence the health and wellbeing of the population of Medway and changes in different areas are required to improve health and wellbeing.

3.2 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are in a unique position to be able to encourage and support key stakeholders in the system to make changes that will improve health and wellbeing.

3.3 Regular reviews of each theme of the Strategy will help to ensure that the focus is maintained on the key areas of the Strategy so that members of the Board, as key system leaders, are able to identify how they and the organisations they represent can support the system in taking action to improve health and wellbeing.

3.4 Appendix 1 contains a summary of information about Theme 1: Giving every child a good start. The “future state” section contains the priorities from the Strategy rephrased to describe how these priorities will look in a successful future state.

4. Risk management

Risk	Description	Action to avoid or mitigate risk	Risk rating
Focus is not maintained on five themes	If focus is not maintained on the key areas of the strategy the HWB may not drive change as effectively as it could	The HWB will regularly review each theme as per this paper	D-II

5. Consultation

5.1 Engagement with members of the public about the health and wellbeing needs of different areas of Medway took place through a series of community listening events as part of the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. These events took place in six localities across Medway and formed part of a wider initiative to engage with local people and inform them about future developments taking place in the provision of health and social care services in Medway.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1 There are no direct resource implications that arise from this report. Funding of delivery actions is contained within relevant organisational budgets. Specific projects will be funded through the submission of business plans using the existing financial governance arrangements.

7. Legal implications

- 7.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a statutory duty on Medway Council and NHS Medway CCG, through the Health and Wellbeing Board, to publish a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The period that a JHWS must cover is not defined, however, the current JHWS covers 2018–2023.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked consider how they can support or encourage organisations in the system to take action to improve health and wellbeing with respect to Theme 1 of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

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Appendices

Appendix A - JHWS Theme 1 Overview

Background papers

Medway's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2023

<http://medwayjsna.info/downloads/Joint%20health%20and%20Wellbeing%20Strategy%202018-2023.pdf>