

Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Subject: Health and Wellbeing Board and Health and Wellbeing Strategy Update

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Recommendations:

- A. That members of Healthier Communities and Older People Overview note and consider the update on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the plans to refresh the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2015-18.
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide an update on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board. To outline the focus on integration and prevention in the work of the Board and Public Health and to provide an update on the review and refresh of the Merton Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2015-18.

DETAILS

2.1 Background

2.1.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards are nearly two years into their statutory role as a committee of the Council. Building on the strong partnership with the voluntary sector in Merton and increasing partnership work with Merton CCG and other health providers, the HWB continues to focus on integration, health inequalities and addressing the wider determinants of health.

2.1.2 This focus reflects a broader recognition, at national policy as well as local level, that prevention is key to sustainability. A number of recent reports, including London Health Commission's Better Health for London and the NHS Five year Forward View recognise the need for **a radical shift in our approach to health and wellbeing, away from a clinical focus, to working across the determinants of health and prevention.**

2.2 Focusing on Prevention

- 2.2.1 As previously reported a priority for Public Health has been to focus on prevention. Working to address the wider determinants of health, trying to embed public health across the Council, and working with community groups to reduce inequalities. This has been undertaken through a range of new initiatives (some of which were reported to this Committee at its September meeting).
- 2.2.2 More recently Public Health secured £45,000 from the South West London Academic Health and Social Care Network for a Proactive GP pilot scheme. The pilot aims to embed prevention in GP practices and to increase early diagnosis of long-term conditions, when they can be cured or managed in primary care.

The timing of the pilot is opportune for GPs with the recent publication of new GP standards, which include proactive care with a focus on patient involvement and links into communities.

2.3 Merton Health and Wellbeing Strategy and JSNA

- 2.3.1 Merton's first Health and Wellbeing Strategy has now been in place for eighteen months, having been developed in partnership and consulted on widely. The Health and Wellbeing Board has monitored progress and reports on the delivery plan for each of the key priorities have been made annually. There is a commitment to review and refresh the Strategy for 2015

The Strategy refresh is in line with the new JSNA <http://www.merton.gov.uk/health-social-care/publichealth/jsna.htm> ., feedback from the Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge, the Merton Partnership Conference on Health Inequalities 2013 and the focus on inequalities, prevention and integration specifically through the Better Care Fund.

2.3.2 HWB Strategy Task Group

In line with the approach in developing the first Health and Wellbeing Strategy, a short-life start and finish task group has been working to refresh the strategy, including Council representatives from Public Health, Children Schools and Families, Environment and Regeneration and Communities and Housing , Merton CCG and MVSC.

The Task Group has worked making strategic priorities and outcomes more focused, specifically relating to the five themes that emerged from the Merton Partnership Conference on Health Inequalities that make up 'a good life':

2.3.3 Priority Themes

There are five priority themes that will make up the refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Theme 1 Best start in life - early years and achieving a strong educational base for children and young people

Theme 2 Good health – preventing illness, ensuring early detection of illness and accessing good quality healthcare.

Theme 3 Good life skills, lifelong learning and good work.

Theme 4 Community participation and feeling safe

Theme 5 A good built and natural environment

Core, cross cutting themes of the Strategy will be tackling health inequalities – bridging the gap between east and west Merton – focussing on prevention and working in an integrated way.

2.3.4 Draft Outcomes and Key Priorities

Draft outcomes have been identified and agreed by a lead officer or joint leads for each theme. Following discussion at the Health and Wellbeing Board and HWB Strategy Task Group it was agreed that outcomes, actions and indicators should, as far as possible, focus on areas that need improvement in Merton, tackle health inequalities across the borough and be ambitious but realistic in the context of financial pressures.

It has also been suggested that a small number of outcomes should be agreed as top priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the year ahead, to provide a real focus for the work and collaborative leadership of the Health and Wellbeing Board

Final outcomes are currently being developed by relevant lead officers, together with actions, indicators, baselines, trajectories and governance lead by the relevant Board, collaboratively with the HWB. This is work in progress and full details are being developed for each priority theme for the Delivery Plan template included in Appendix 1

2.3.5 HealthWatch Consultation Event

HealthWatch held an engagement event on the HWB Strategy on Thursday 5 February 2015 at Vestry Halls, Mitcham which included discussions on each of the priority themes.

2.3.6 Strategy Timescale

It is suggested that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy will run for three years 2015 to 2018 with regular updates to the Health and Wellbeing Board with particular focus on the agreed key priorities. The March meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board is due to focus on agreeing the draft refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

2.4 Better Care Fund

2.4.1 NHS England have formally approval of Merton's BCF (Better Care Fund) Plan in full. Commenting that the Merton plan 'is clear and ambitious' that they support our ambitions and that this puts Merton 'in a strong position for delivering'

BCF is an ambitious programme and preparing the plans at pace has been acknowledged by NHS England as an 'immensely challenging task'. The £3.8 billion Better Care Fund (BCF) was announced in 2013 to support transformation and integration of health and social care services. The Merton

BCF plan is now part of the wider work programme to integrate and transform local health and social care services.

2.5 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

2.5.1 Merton's Health and Wellbeing Board is required to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) by April 2015.

The PNA is designed to assess the current provision of pharmaceutical services, where the current position may change and identify any current and future gaps. The PNA assists NHS England in determining applications by pharmacists for new, additional or relocated premises, hours or pharmaceutical services.

2.5.2 We have undertaken consultation (ended December 2014) to seek views on the the draft PNA and feedback gathered will be reported and reflected in the final revised PNA report. The final PNA will be published by 1 April 2015

2.6 Health and Wellbeing Board Development Session

With funding secured from London Councils the Health and Wellbeing Board had a facilitated development session on 27 January at Merton Dementia Hub to review the governance of the Board, its leadership role and influence and the future focus of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and broader work of the Board. The outcome of the session and recommended actions will be reported to the HWB in March.

2.7 Health and Wellbeing Board Forward Plan

The latest HWB Forward Plan 2014/15 is attached to this report in Appendix 1. The Forward Plan will change following the HWB development session outlined above. It is an iterative document responding to developments and any comments from this Committee are welcome. Officers from the Health and Wellbeing Board and Scrutiny work together to avoid duplication of agendas.

3. NEXT STEPS

The focus on integration and prevention in tackling health inequalities, will continue and will be reflected in the review and refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the wider work of the Health and Wellbeing Board..

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

It is a statutory requirement that each local authority has a Health and Wellbeing Board as a Committee of the Council and that each HWB have a Health and Wellbeing Strategy based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

6. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

None for the purpose of this report.

7. TIMETABLE

The refreshed Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be for three years 2015 to 2018.

8. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

9. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The production of a Health and Wellbeing Strategy is statutory for each Health and Wellbeing Board.

10. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

Addressing health inequalities is a core, cross cutting principle of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

11. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

12. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

Appendix 1 – template for HWB Strategy 2015-18 Delivery Plan

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Merton Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013/14

http://www.mertonpartnership.org.uk/hwb_strategy_final_web_ready.pdf

Appendix 1 – Delivery Plan Template, Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-18

EXAMPLE

Priority Theme 1: Best start in life – early years and achieving a strong educational base for children and young people.

Why is this important?

Short explanation of why the theme is a key determinant of health.

Outcomes

(a small number of outcomes that can be delivered through actions that can be evaluated by indicators of success)

- 1.1 All babies have the best start in life.
- 1.2 Promoting the emotional wellbeing and resilience of our children and young people.
- 1.3 Promoting healthy lifestyles and choices.
- 1.4 Helping children and young people fulfil their educational potential.

Delivery Plan Priority 1

Outcome 1.1 – All babies have the best start in life						
Action	Indicator	Baseline	Trajectory	Reporting cycle	Lead Officer	Governance Lead
List of actions that will deliver outcome 1.1						

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