

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 4 NOVEMBER 2015

DRAFT JOINT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STRATEGY 2016-19

Summary

1. Worcestershire's Health and Well-being Board has launched a new Joint Health and Well-being Strategy 2016-19 for consultation. This will be Worcestershire's second Joint Health and Well-being Strategy.
2. As part of the consultation process, the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is invited to discuss the draft Strategy and agree any comments it would like to contribute. The Cabinet Member for Health and Well-being, and officer representatives from the Council's public health function, have also been invited to the meeting.
3. A revised Strategy is due to be signed off by the Health and Well-being Board in January 2016.

Background

4. The draft Joint Strategy, which will be Worcestershire's second, sets out the Health and Well-being Board's vision and priorities for 2016-19, based on the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and consultation with the public. It also sets the context for other health and well-being plans and for commissioning of NHS, public health, social care and related children's services.
5. Preparation of the Strategy is a statutory requirement for the County Council and clinical commissioning groups, under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
6. The Strategy is a basis for the public to hold local organisations to account for achieving the stated outcomes – and the HOSC looked at progress with the previous 2013-2016 Strategy at its meeting on 11 December 2013.
7. The HOSC previously discussed progress made with the out-going Health and Well-being Strategy 2013-16, at its meeting on 11 December 2013.

Development of the Strategy

8. Development of the new draft Strategy has involved input from over 140 people at a stakeholder event, including representatives from a range of district councils, the NHS, Police, NHS, and voluntary sector organisations. The purpose of the event was to review and reflect on the out-going Strategy, its impact, utilisation, vision and the criteria for priorities.

9. The criteria agreed for selection of priorities were that they should:

- Be linked to JSNA data which suggests a worsening situation, and/or a situation that is worse than would be expected for Worcestershire;
- Show clear geographical and/or population inequalities in health and well-being outcomes;
- Have high direct and indirect economic costs both now and in the future;
- Be relevant to people across all age groups;
- Relate to major causes of ill health and premature death;
- Be linked to good evidence of potential to improve outcome;
- Be of high importance to the local public;
- Need strong partnership working to improve outcomes;
- Affect large numbers of people in Worcestershire, and these numbers will rise significantly if we do not deliver change.

10. The attached draft Strategy reflects the outcome of consensus views from the stakeholder event, and is an all-age Strategy, including an emphasis on prevention throughout. The draft is being released for further consultation, closing on 4 December, including through the Council's on-line consultation portal. A further stakeholder session is planned for 10 November, and a revised Strategy will be submitted to the Health and Well-being Board in January 2016.

11. The three main priorities suggested for the next three years are:

- mental health and well-being throughout life
- being active at every age
- reducing harm from alcohol at all ages

12. Physical activity, one of the proposed priority areas is the subject of a separate scrutiny task group of county and district councillor members (including a HOSC member), which is looking at activity levels in Worcestershire and councils' role in increasing physical activity. The Task Group will also comment on the draft Strategy.

Purpose of the meeting

13. The HOSC is invited to:

- discuss the draft Strategy and agree any comments
- agree any areas or issues requiring further information or which may benefit from further scrutiny

14. In doing so, HOSC members may want to reflect on:

- stakeholder engagement on the draft Strategy – what were the main messages?
- HOSC's feedback from its scrutiny discussions of mental health services earlier this year
- how will the aims of the Strategy be affected by on-going financial constraints on services?

- the potential impact of the Government's cuts to public health ring-fenced grants, and how this will be managed?

Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 - Draft Joint Health and Well-being Strategy 2016-19.
The draft Strategy and consultation survey are also available online [here](#)

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 30 September 2015– available on the Council's website [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee's discussion of mental health services on 5 November and 9 December 2014 and the 3 March 2015 – available on the Council's website [here](#)
- Agenda and Minutes of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 December 2013 – available on the Council's website [here](#)