



Health and Wellbeing Board

New Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Strategy – update

Date: 20th November 2024

Key decision: No

Class: 1

Ward(s) affected: All

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Outline and recommendations

This paper provides an update on revised timelines for the development of Lewisham's new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

Health and Wellbeing Board, March 2023 – Agreement to develop a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy and that a working group representing members of the Board would be set up to oversee development of the strategy.

Health and Wellbeing Board, July 2023 – Agreement for two stakeholder workshops to be held to contribute to the development of the strategy.

29th September and 6th October 2023 - Health and Wellbeing Strategy stakeholder workshops.

30th January 2024 - Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Board seminar session.

24th July 2024 – Presentation of draft priority wider determinants of health and priority action areas for the new Strategy to the Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Board.

1. Recommendations

- 1.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board are recommended to:
- Agree the new timescales for completion of the strategy.

2. Policy Context

- 2.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) as a forum where key leaders from the health and care system work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.
- 2.2. 3.2. The Health and Care Act 2022 introduced new architecture to the health and care system, specifically the establishment of integrated care boards (ICBs) and integrated care partnerships (ICPs).
- 2.3. 3.3. HWBs remain a formal statutory committee of the local authority, and will continue to provide a forum where political, clinical, professional and community leaders from across the health and care system come together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.
- 2.4. HWBs continue to be responsible for:
- assessing the health and wellbeing needs of their population and publishing a joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA).
 - publishing a joint local health and wellbeing strategy (JLHWS), which sets out the priorities for improving the health and wellbeing of its local population and how the identified needs will be addressed, including addressing health inequalities, and which reflects the evidence of the JSNA.
 - The JLHWS, which should directly inform the development of joint commissioning arrangements in the place and the co-ordination of NHS and local authority commissioning, including Better Care Fund plans.

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3. Background

- 3.1. 4.1. Lewisham's ten-year Health and Wellbeing Strategy was published in 2013. It contained three overarching aims:
- 3.2. 1) To improve health – by providing a wide range of support and opportunities to help adults and children to keep fit and healthy and reduce preventable ill health.
- 3.3. 2) To improve care – by ensuring that services and support are of high quality and accessible to all those who need them, so that they can regain their best health and wellbeing and maintain their independence for as long as possible.
- 3.4. 3) To improve efficiency – by improving the way services are delivered; streamlining pathways; integrating services, ensuring that services provide good quality and value for money.
- 3.5. The strategy also identified nine priority areas for action over the 10 years which were largely shaped through the JSNA and various stakeholder engagement activity. These priority areas for Lewisham were as follows:
 - 1) Achieving a healthy weight
 - 2) Increasing the number of people who survive colorectal, breast and lung cancer at 1 and 5 years
 - 3) Improving immunisation uptake
 - 4) Reducing alcohol harm
 - 5) Preventing the uptake of smoking among children and young people and reducing the numbers of people smoking
 - 6) Improving mental health and wellbeing
 - 7) Improving sexual health
 - 8) Delaying and reducing the need for long term care and support
 - 9) Reducing the number of emergency admissions for people with long term conditions
- 3.6. In 2015, the strategy was refreshed following engagement activity with stakeholders and discussions by the Health and Wellbeing Board. Three interdependent broader priorities were identified for 2015-18:
 - 1) To accelerate the integration of adult, children's and young people's care
 - 2) To shift the focus of action and resources to preventing ill health and promoting independence.
 - 3) Supporting our communities and families to become healthier and more resilient, including addressing the wider determinants of health.

4. Developing the new Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- 4.1. There have been some delays in progressing the next steps in strategy development agreed at the last Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 4.2. A new timetable for next steps will be as follows:

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- 4.3. **November 2024 to end of January 2025:**
- 4.4. Reconvene Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Strategy working group.
- 4.5. Convene stakeholder task and finish groups to finalise actions and initial impact measures in the following action areas for the new strategy:
 - 4.5.1. Housing
 - 4.5.2. Poverty/Cost of Living
 - 4.5.3. Prevention in educational settings (early years, schools, colleges and further education)
 - 4.5.4. Prevention (including CVD and adult social care)
- 4.6. **February – March 2025:** Public consultation
- 4.7. **March 2025:** Final strategy completion and presentation to Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Board

5. Financial implications

- 5.1. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.
- 5.2. If further discussions take place on commissioning and developing services in the future the financial implications will be considered at that point.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1. A Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board introduced by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, which amended the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, to introduce duties and powers for health and wellbeing boards in relation to Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWSs).

7. Equalities implications

8. An integral part of any HWS should be to reduce health inequalities, both in terms of access to healthcare and outcomes for individuals. As a new HWS is developed health inequalities will be considered at every stage.

9. Climate change and environmental implications

- 9.1. There are no significant climate change and environmental implications of this report.

10. Crime and disorder implications

- 10.1. There are no significant crime and disorder implications of this report.

11. Health and wellbeing implications

- 11.1. The health and wellbeing implications for this report are outlined in the main body of text.

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