

Healthier Communities Select Committee			
Report Title	Lewisham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy		
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1. Summary

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced a statutory requirement for Health and Wellbeing Boards to prepare Health and Wellbeing Strategies (HWS) for their local areas. The joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy should provide an over-arching framework to ensuring a strategic response to the health and social care needs of the local population.
- 1.2 Lewisham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a 10 year strategy whilst the delivery plan is initially for three years. A review will be undertaken at the end of the three years and this will inform the development of a subsequent delivery plan for the remaining years.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update on Lewisham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy and to seek comments on the accompanying draft delivery plan that sets out actions for addressing the priorities identified in the strategy.

3. Recommendation/s

- 3.1 Members of the Healthier Communities Select Committee are recommended to:
 - Note and comment on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan.

4. Policy Context

- 4.1 The development and publication of a Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a statutory duty under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The purpose of the Strategy is to inform commissioning decisions across local services focusing on the needs of service users and communities, based on evidence provided in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).
- 4.2 Local authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and the NHS Commissioning Board are required to take the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy into account when

producing commissioning plans so that their plans are fully aligned with the jointly agreed priorities in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

4.3 Lewisham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been developed in the context of the Lewisham JSNA and other local strategies that aim to improve the lives Lewisham's residents. These include:

- Lewisham's Sustainable Communities Strategy
- Lewisham's Children and Young People's Plan
- Lewisham's CCG Commissioning Strategy
- Joint Health and Care Commissioning Plans
- Other strategies and plans (e.g. Housing, Safer Lewisham)

5. Background

5.1 In its shadow form, the Health and Wellbeing Board initiated the development of a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy, building on the JSNA and the strengths and successes of existing plans and strategies but being more wide-reaching and ambitious in its scope. An officer group that supports the Board, with representation from within the local authority, public health and other parts of the NHS, steered this process.

5.2 Through review of the key evidence in the Lewisham JSNA, review of existing intelligence from users, carers and 'less heard' groups, including community engagement activities with key groups, the following key priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy were identified:

- Achieving a Healthy Weight
- Increasing the number of people who survive colorectal, breast and lung cancer for 1 and 5 years
- Improving Immunisation Uptake
- Reducing Alcohol Harm
- Preventing the uptake of smoking among children and young people and reducing the numbers of people smoking
- Improving mental health and wellbeing

5.3 The priorities cover those areas which collectively Lewisham Council and its partners can:

- a) make the biggest difference to health and wellbeing at all levels of our health and social care system
- b) take actions that will enable change and integration across social care, primary and community care, and hospital care
- c) take early action now, that will improve quality and length of life in the future, and reduce the need for additional health and social care interventions later on.

- 5.4 An earlier Draft of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy was presented to the Healthier Communities Select Committee in April 2013. The Committee asked to be kept informed of progress.
- 5.5 The draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been revised following feedback from key partners. A delivery plan has been developed and included. Also incorporated are ideas from people across the voluntary and community sector who have helped develop the strategy. During a series of community engagement activities the sector was asked what issues it would like considered in order to improve health and wellbeing in Lewisham.
- 5.5 The Delivery Plan sets out the activities (deliverables) to achieve the improvements and outcomes required in each of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority areas. It identifies the activity delivered by various agencies on the Health and Wellbeing Board. Whilst the Strategy covers 10 years the delivery plan is initially for three years. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board will continually review the progress that is being made and will consider any additional steps that need to be taken, plans for future delivery and ensure there is measurable and effective improvement.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1 The actions identified in the delivery plan will be delivered by Lewisham Council and its partners on the Health and Wellbeing board within the constraints of their existing budgets and future years budget strategy.

7. Legal implications

- 7.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced a statutory requirement for Health and Wellbeing Boards to prepare joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (HWS) for their local areas.

8. Crime and Disorder Implications

- 8.1 Actions relating to Alcohol Harm Reduction e.g. underage sales test purchases, and also action for Tobacco Control e.g. work with Trading Standards to reduce access to illicit tobacco will contribute to reducing crime and disorder in the borough.

9. Equalities Implications

- 9.1 In line with requirement in the Equality Act 2010, an Equality Assessment was undertaken on the Health Inequalities Strategy by assessing the possible impact that each of the priorities might have on each of the 9 protected characteristics. Census, GLA Population Projections and various other local and national data sources were used to assess the potential impact across the protected characteristics
- 9.2 There was no clear evidence that the HWB strategy as a whole will have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics. In some cases there was likely to be a positive impact on one of more of

the protected characteristics as they are the target of particular interventions under the strategic priorities. This is because of greater need as the result of worse outcomes or poorer use of healthcare, identified through the JSNA process, for example:

- Reducing alcohol harm amongst young women
- Improving cancer survival amongst older people, through improved awareness of early symptoms and signs
- Reducing rates of teenage pregnancy
- Tackling obesity in children
- Improving access to IAPT services amongst BME groups
- Reducing emergency admissions for people with long term conditions.

9.3 In other cases protected characteristics may benefit more from some of the priorities as a result of an association with a target group, for example, older people are more likely to have complex healthcare and social support needs and are more vulnerable to crises that reduce their independence. They are therefore more likely to benefit from the strategy's priority to delay and reduce the need for long term care and support.

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