

Health & Wellbeing Board			
Report Title	Health & Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Plan Progress Update		
Key Decision	Yes	Item No.	7
Ward	All		
Contributors	Director of Public Health		
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1. Purpose

This report provides members of the Health and Wellbeing Board with a short update on the progress against the priority outcomes of Lewisham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

2. Recommendation

The Board is recommended to:

- note the progress made to date; and
- agree to receive another report from the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Group following their detailed review of each area of activity.

3. Policy Context

The activity of the Health and Wellbeing Board is focused on delivering the strategic vision for Lewisham as established in *Shaping our future* – Lewisham's Sustainable Community Strategy and in Lewisham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The work of the Board directly contributes to *Shaping our future's* priority outcome that communities in Lewisham should be *Healthy, active and enjoyable - where people can actively participate in maintaining and improving their health and wellbeing*.

In line with *Shaping our future*, the Health and Wellbeing Board has developed a ten year Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Strategy sets out the improvements and changes that the Board, in partnership with others, will focus on to achieve our vision of "achieving a healthier and happier future for all".

The Strategy outlines the key health and wellbeing challenges that people in Lewisham face, as well as the assets, skills and services that are available locally to support people to stay healthy and be happier.

The Strategy sets three overarching aims:

- 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.
- 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.
- To improve efficiency – by improving the way services are delivered; streamlining pathways; integrating services so ensuring that services provide good quality and value for money.

4. Background

Lewisham's Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out the priority outcomes to be achieved by 2023. The supporting three year delivery plan, describing the key actions required, was published in September 2013.

The task for ensuring delivery of the action plan and for reporting on progress to the Health and Wellbeing Board was delegated to the Health and Wellbeing Delivery Group, chaired by the Director of Public Health. The Group has been tasked with regularly reviewing and refreshing the delivery plan, and ensuring that all actions are owned and reflected in all partners' strategic priorities.

5. Progress to date

The Delivery Group has undertaken an initial assessment of all actions within the three year delivery plan.

The plan details the activity being undertaken and planned for completion by March 2014. The Group has carried out a RAG rating and, of the 88 delivery actions agreed by the Board for delivery by end of March 2014, 75% (66) were rated Green, 20% (18) were rated Amber and 5% (4) were rated Red.

The Green rating has been given to all areas of activity that have been completed as required, e.g. Action- To improve staff skills on infant feeding by delivering training and audit staff skills: Progress - 26 Health Visitors and Midwives attended 2 day breastfeeding management training this year. Also 65 of the Health visiting team attended Baby Friendly training.

The Amber rating has been given to those areas of activity where action is being taken but where it has not yet been completed, where some activity has taken place but on a smaller scale than anticipated or where the scope of the activity is not as wide as desired. E.g. Action - To provide all practices with rapid HIV tests: Progress - Currently minimal uptake of rapid tests by practices. This is due to infrastructure issues. The Delivery Group will be

working with those responsible for delivery to establish what needs to be done to ensure the objective is achieved.

Four areas of activity have been rated as Red. This is where activity has been delayed and has not met the agreed timescale, is in hand but it is not clear that the action will be completed by March, or has not yet begun. E.g. Action - To promote images of 'Smokefree' and align local communications to national campaign on Smokefree: Progress – Communications strategy still under development. The four red ratings relate to the three following priority areas: reducing alcohol harm; preventing the uptake of smoking; and improving mental health and wellbeing. That is not to say that activity in these areas has not taken place but that some key actions, such as finalising the Smokefree communication strategy and the wider adoption of alcohol policies, have not progressed as planned.

At its next meeting, the Delivery Group will be asking those responsible for those actions rated red to provide reports on the reasons for the delay or non-delivery. The Group will seek to agree on remedial action. Where barriers continue to exist or where solutions cannot be found, the Group will highlight these in its report to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

6. Financial implications

There are no specific financial implications to the report. The majority of the work to support the Health and Wellbeing Delivery Plan is funded from the ring-fenced 2013/14 Public Health Grant.

However, failure to meet the health and wellbeing strategic objectives highlighted above within a timely fashion, particularly in relation to immunisations, reducing alcohol harm, smoking and mental health, could result in additional financial burdens being placed upon health and social care services in the short, medium and long term.

7. Legal implications

The Health & Wellbeing Board has a statutory obligation to develop and implement a Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

8. Crime and Disorder Implications

There are no specific crime and disorder implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

9. Equalities Implications

All interventions will be designed specifically to reduce health inequalities. A co-production / community development approach underpins all the strategic priorities; this will ensure a focus on addressing the needs of the most disadvantaged in our communities.

10. Environmental Implications

It is possible that some of the actions delivered, such as those on smoking cessation, may have a direct, positive impact on the environment.

11. Conclusion

Good progress is being made in delivering the Lewisham Health and Wellbeing Strategy. A continued focus needs to be made by the Board, the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Delivery Group and its relevant sub-groups, to performance manage and monitor delivery of the plan in 2014/15.

Background Documents

The Health and Wellbeing Strategy and supporting JSNA evidence may be found on www.lewishamsna.org.uk

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