



SCRUTINY: HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE REVIEW GROUP

**AGENDA ITEM
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SUBJECT: THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

PURPOSE

1. To seek comments from the Health and Social Care Review Group on the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy as part of the consultation process

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Committee notes the report on the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy and ask for any clarifications that may assist it arrive at any potential comments as part of the consultation process.

REPORT

Introduction

3. As part of the NHS reforms, Local Authorities and the new Clinical Commissioning Groups have a duty to develop a joint health and wellbeing strategy which meets the needs identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).
4. The key objectives of a joint **Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWBS)** are to provide:
 - a consistent strategic response to address identified need
 - a resource to inform commissioning decisions
 - a tool to hold commissioners to account for commissioning decisions
 - a method of prioritising health needs

5. The strategy highlights the key commissioning priorities for 2012-2017 and recognises the need to move away from commissioning individual services to developing a more holistic approach taking into consideration the socio-economic determinants of health (eg housing, education, environment). Based on guidance from the Department of Health, the actions are defined in terms which can guide and inform commissioning decisions rather than being a set of prescriptive actions or programmes.
6. A consultation has already been carried out on the JSNA. This consultation is on the approach the strategy is taking to improve health and wellbeing in Luton and the key commissioning priorities, which in turn will address the priorities highlighted in the JSNA.

The Strategy

7. A HWBS group was set up to oversee the development of the new HWBS on behalf of the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB). The strategy recognises the need to move away from commissioning individual services to developing a more holistic approach taking into consideration the socio-economic determinants of health (e.g. housing, employment, education).
8. The HWBS aims to be transformational. A climate of diminishing resources and increasing demand for health and wellbeing services will require us to do things differently. This will mean placing greater emphasis on preventing ill health and keeping people well for as long as possible and so reduce the need for more costly medical interventions.

Transformation will focus on:

- Promoting greater integration through stronger partnership working, pooled budgets and joint commissioning
- Improving quality and efficiency by redesigning services and pathways with the patient at the centre
- Placing greater emphasis on the underlying causes of health inequalities by strengthening action to tackle the wider determinants of health
- Shifting resources to focus more on prevention and early intervention

This will be underpinned by the following underlying principles:

- Ensuring services and interventions are based on local needs and evidence based practice
- Involving patients and carers in planning and reviewing local services
- Ensuring services are fair and equitable - targeting support to those families and communities most in need
- Promoting empowerment and self care
- Improving access by providing more timely and convenient services
- Safeguarding vulnerable people
- Listening to the views of the public

9. The strategy provides a framework to tackle the key health issues identified in the JSNA. It focuses on three priority outcomes (goals) rather than on the individual conditions or diseases:
 - Every child and young person has a healthy start in life
 - Reduced health inequalities within Luton
 - Healthier and more independent adults and older people
10. There are a small number of commissioning priorities linked to each of these three outcomes. Commissioners will be held to account by the HWBB to commission in line with these priorities which in turn will address the health and wellbeing priorities identified in the JSNA (see P11, 14-15, 17-18 of HWBS attached).
11. Life expectancy is a key indicator of a healthy population and the following high level indicators will be used to measure progress against the three key outcome areas:
 - Life expectancy at birth
 - Disability free life expectancy at age 65
 - Life expectancy at birth between the most and least deprived Lower Level Super Output Areas (LSOAs) in Luton
 - Infant Mortality
12. Targets have been set for the five years of the strategy and these will be monitored by the HWBB (Appendix 1,p 23-25). These will be supported by a small number of indicators linked to each of the three outcomes in the strategy. Progress against these indicators will be monitored by the relevant delivery board.

Implementing the Strategy

13. The HWBB will be supported by three delivery boards linked to each of the outcome areas. A number of groups which contribute to the delivery of the strategy will feed into these delivery boards.

Consultation

14. Formal consultation on the strategy is taking place during June / July using a mix of methods including an on-line survey and a number of face to face events with a range of stakeholders. An outline consultation plan is attached as an appendix to this report.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Appendix 2: Draft consultation plan