

**TITLE OF REPORT: Health & Wellbeing Strategy Refresh –
Scoping Report**

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek the views of the Health & Wellbeing Board on the scope of the refresh of Gateshead's Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

Background

2. Health & Wellbeing Boards were established as statutory boards from 1st April 2013 as part of a range of health reforms introduced at that time. They were identified by the Department of Health as having a key role to play to modernise the NHS to:
 - ensure stronger democratic legitimacy and involvement
 - strengthen working relationships between health and social care, and
 - encourage the development of more integrated commissioning of services
3. HWBs were required to develop local Health and Wellbeing Strategies to address the health and wellbeing needs of local people and to steer the work of the Board. Gateshead developed its strategy 'Active, Healthy & Well Gateshead' for the period 2013/14 to 2015/16 which was agreed by the Board on 8 February 2013 (attached at Appendix 2).
4. The Gateshead Health & Wellbeing Strategy sought to build upon the foundations of partnership working already in place and identified a small number of key system improvement priorities and thematic priorities linked to our health and wellbeing agenda:

System Improvement Priorities:

- Secure joined-up, person centred services across health and social care – address 'service fragmentation'.
- Make the most of available resources to secure better, higher quality services – shift more investment from expensive hospital care towards prevention, early intervention and community provision.
- Strengthen engagement and build capacity within communities, especially those with the poorest health. Make the most of community assets.

- Make the most of new working opportunities, including those across new geographies.
- Make the most of 'place shaping' opportunities to promote active and healthy lifestyles.

Thematic Priorities:

- Ensure children have the best start in life and lead active, happy and healthy lives.
 - Tackle the major causes of ill health and early death, ensuring a focus on prevention and high quality treatment.
 - Promote choice and empower local people to have more control over their health and social care and remain independent for as long as possible.
 - Improve mental health and wellbeing for all members of our community.
5. In addressing these priorities, the Board recognised that it would need to consider how it can best steer and join up existing and future work underpinned by a robust assessment of needs. An annual Forward Plan was developed to help shape the work of the Board and, more recently, a performance management section to the Board's agenda in order to regularly consider progress against key health and wellbeing indicators.

Refresh of our Health & Wellbeing Strategy

6. At the December Board meeting, it was agreed to defer consideration of the refresh of the health and wellbeing strategy pending publication of NHS Planning Guidance for 2016/17 and beyond (Item 4.1 refers). In particular, it was felt that consideration needed to be given to how the strategy would sit with the anticipated requirement for local health economies to produce a five year Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) for their area. In this connection, it needs to be borne in mind that whilst the Board's existing health and wellbeing strategy covers the Gateshead area, it is anticipated that the Sustainability and Transformation Plan will cover the wider Newcastle Gateshead planning footprint.
7. The NHS Planning Guidance published on 22nd December includes a requirement for STPs to reflect local agreed health and wellbeing strategies.
8. Other considerations include the fact that whilst the key health and wellbeing challenges which underpinned our existing strategy are still relevant today, the context in which we address those challenges has changed – organisational changes, changes to functional responsibilities, national policy context – as well as continuing financial pressures facing the local health and care economy as a whole.
9. The attached scoping report identifies points that will need to be considered in shaping our approach to the refresh of our health and wellbeing strategy.

Proposals and Next Steps

10. The Board is asked to consider the points raised under paragraphs 6 to 8 above and the scope of the strategy refresh set out in appendix 1 attached.
11. The next step would be to undertake further work to translate the scoping paper into a framework document and to identify a draft timeline for its development.

Recommendations

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:
 - (i) consider the issues raised within this report regarding the refresh of Gateshead's Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

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