Care, Health and Wellbeing OSC

Review Topic-

Review of the role of Housing in Promoting Health and Wellbeing" (to focus on housing conditions – impact of changes in the housing market, shift to private sector provision and vulnerability of specific tenants; low income families, people with complex issues and learning disabilities, isolated older people).

Links to

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Partner Feedback

Health and Wellbeing Board

The Board was supportive of the Review topic but suggested widening the focus to include the cost to the health and care system as well as individuals and the issue of fuel poverty. It was also considered important to link this work with any work carried out / to be carried out via Communities and Place OSC.

Gateshead Newcastle CCG

Support this topic as it brings the broader determinants of health into focus.

Gateshead Housing Company

Have indicated that they would wish to contribute to this Review.

The Housing Company has advised that two measures are likely to impact on this Review and lead to changes in the housing market

- Pay to stay mandatory for council tenants in Gateshead when households are earning more than £30,000 – charged market rents
- Ending of secure tenancies replaced by fixed term tenancies

Case Study

Delayed Transfers of Care and Hospital Discharges (to focus on the joint work being progressed by the Council and Health Partners to avoid delayed discharges, specific challenges and examples of good practice / to be linked to evaluation of new model for Adult Social Care).

Links to

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Performance Issue – (below 2015-16 target of 88.7% and decline in performance compared to the same period last year).

Partner Feedback

Gateshead Newcastle CCG

Support this topic as it supports the CCG's joint work on integrating care and the CCG's BCF work. There is also a performance issue which the CCG needs to address and the case study will provide added focus.

Gateshead Housing Company

It has been suggested that it might be helpful to include information relating to a pilot that has been running between Health (NHS NTW), ASC and Housing relating to mental health which it is considered feeds into the work in relation to preventing delayed discharges and is classed as an example of good practice.

Corporate Resources OSC

It is proposed that this OSC focus on

Two Case Studies within its 2016-17 work programme

Case Study 1 – Implementation/Roll Out of Universal Credit (examine impact on residents in light of ongoing implementation / roll out and mitigating actions being put in place)

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Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Partner Feedback

Department for Work and Pensions / Job Centre Plus – support both the areas identified for case studies and would be happy to participate / contribute in relation to the case study on Universal Credit.

Gateshead Housing Company

Suggest that the focus of the case study on Universal Credit is widened to cover other aspects of welfare reform.

Additional government Welfare Reform announcements are likely to impact further on tenants and reduce ability to sustain or maintain their tenancies including:-

- The Benefit Cap:- By 2017 it is expected that the maximum amount of out -of -work benefits working age families can receive will be £20,000,(£13,400 for single adults with no children).
- The social housing sector size criteria (bedroom tax). Currently 2300 tenants (almost 12%) of tenants have their housing benefit reduced by the social housing sector size measure.
- Local Housing Allowance Proposals affecting supported and sheltered housing.
- Local Housing Allowance Proposals for new tenants under 35. This will apply to tenancies signed after 1 April 2016, with housing benefit entitlement changing from 1 April 2018 onwards.

Health and Wellbeing Board

The Board was supportive of the themes and noted that implementation of welfare reform / universal credit can have important impacts on residents health and wellbeing.

Case Study 2 – Workforce Strategy (examine progress being made in preparing the workforce to meet the changing role of the Council and adapt working practices / meet the demands of the business / next steps)

Links to:-

Council Plan 2015-20

Families OSC

Review Topic

Review of Children's Oral Health in Gateshead (potential areas of focus – inequalities in access / ward variations, prevalence of dental decay in five year olds, levels of hospital admissions, commissioning and planning arrangements)

Links to:-

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Director of Public Health Report – focus on health inequalities and wider determinants of health, health in childhood and particularly the role of health services in child health improvement.

Case Studies

Case Study 1 – Consequences of Alcohol Consumption in Pregnancy (potential focus on current position/ impacts across the system and longer term / progress in tackling the issue)

Links to:-

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Director of Public Health Report – focus on significance of achieving best start in life to reduce health inequalities in subsequent years

Case Study 2 – Support for Care Leavers who are NEET (specific focus on how the Council is fulfilling its corporate parenting responsibilities in this area)

Links to:-

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Area of Improvement highlighted by Ofsted

Partner Feedback

Newcastle Gateshead CCG

Has indicated that it is supportive of the review and case study topics outlined above.

Health and Wellbeing Board

The Board was supportive of the themes and suggested that Case Study 1 also include reference to prevention and dealing with the consequences of FASD.

The National Probation Service (NE)

Has also indicated it is supportive of the areas of work outlined.

Partner Suggestion for Families OSC future work programme

Newcastle Gateshead CCG

Has indicated that childhood obesity is a priority area for the CCG and a major threat to health and have asked whether the OSC might focus on this issue in some way in a future work programme

Communities and Place OSC

Review Topic

Review of Impact of Gambling on the Borough (to focus on the financial /health and wellbeing impacts on Gateshead residents /consider how these issues are currently being addressed / potential areas for improvement)

Links to

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015 - 20

Area of concern identified by Cabinet members.

Case Study

Street Cleanliness – Enforcement, Education and Community Involvement (to focus on how Council and communities can work together to tackle issues such as dog fouling and litter / highlight best practice schemes being developed in communities)

Links to

Vision 2030

Council Plan 2015-20

Residents Survey 2012 – street cleanliness issue for improvement.

Partner Feedback

Health and Wellbeing Board

The Board indicated that it was supportive of the themes and asked that in relation to the case study on Street Cleanliness that account be taken of the potential impact on the use of outdoor spaces if levels of street cleanliness are not maintained.