

Committee	Dated:
Health and Wellbeing Board	18.09.2015
Subject: Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Refresh	Public
Report of: Director of Community and Children's Services	For Decision

Summary

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) sets out the priorities of the City of London Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). It is a statutory requirement that the strategy is kept up to date and the HWB has committed to reviewing the JHWS on an annual basis, with a full re-write due in 2016.

HWB members have been consulted and made suggestions for changes to both the JHWS and the accompanying action plan. Officers have updated the JHWS and action plan accordingly and they are attached as appendices to this report.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Approve the updated Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (Appendix 1) and action plan (Appendix 2).

Main Report

Background

1. The JHWS was written when the Health and Wellbeing was initially formed and approved in May 2013. HWBs have a statutory obligation to ensure that their evidence-based priorities are up to date and can properly inform the relevant local commissioning plans. The City of London HWB has committed to a three-year strategy, with a yearly review.
2. Our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), which is conducted jointly with Hackney, is updated on a yearly basis and the HWB has a duty to review the JHWS and ensure that their priorities reflect the evidence of need contained in the JSNA as well as the wider policy landscape.
3. The JHWS is then due for a full re-write in 2016, when the HWB will review their priorities in depth.
4. The action plan that accompanies the JHWS covers the 2 year period from 2014 to 2016 and was approved by the HWB in September 2014.

5. Progress reports are submitted to the HWB every six months, most recently in April 2015. Performance reports are also submitted to the HWB every six months and include a range of health and wellbeing performance indicators. Together the performance and progress report pull together activity from across the different priority areas of the JHWS and enable the Board to monitor progress and identify further actions.
6. The current priorities of the City of London's JHWS are:
 - Ensure that more people with mental health issues can find effective, joined up help
 - Ensure that more people have jobs: more children grow up with economic resources
 - Confirm that City air is healthier to breathe
 - Be assured that more people in the City are physically active
 - Enable more people to become socially connected and know where to go for help
 - Ensure that more rough sleepers can get health care, including primary care
 - Ensure that the City is a less noisy place
 - Confirm that more people in the City are warm in the winter months
 - Ensure children and young people enjoy good physical and mental health
 - Ensure that fewer City workers live with stress, anxiety or depression
 - Ensure that more City workers have healthy attitudes to alcohol and drinking
 - Ensure that more City workers quit or cut down smoking
7. The current JHWS and action plan are available via the Health and Wellbeing pages on the City of London website:
<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/Pages/health-and-wellbeing-board.aspx>

Current Position

8. Members of the HWB were consulted by email on the refresh of the JHWS and action plan during June and July 2015.
9. It was proposed that an additional priority be included in the refreshed JHWS around integrated care. The integration of health and social care has become an increasingly important issue since the strategy was first agreed and the HWB is well placed to provide leadership in this area. Members supported this and an additional priority had therefore been added to the draft JHWS and action plan (see Appendices 1 and 2).
10. The following comments were made during consultation:
 - Removal of priority about fuel poverty: It was proposed that this priority is removed to ensure the list of priorities remains manageable, since the strategy will include an additional priority around integrated care. The City of London has the lowest rate of fuel poverty nationally so this is not a key issue for the HWB.

- City worker priorities: At present we have only three priorities for City workers (about mental health, smoking and drinking). We should ensure that City workers are included as a target group for the impact of poor air quality on workers. We should also add the phrase “all City workers” to ensure that the action plan also considers the needs of lower-paid City workers. During the full rewrite of the JHWS in 2016 we should add greater detail about the health and wellbeing needs of City workers, particularly in light of specific research that has been conducted and the experience gained from the Business Healthy programme.
- Mandatory health services (action plan): Responsibility for childhood vaccinations and cancer screening have transferred from local authorities to NHS England since the JHWS was written. Members noted that the responsibility for monitoring therefore now lies with Health Scrutiny rather than the HWB. In addition, we should update the actions relating to health checks to reflect that we commission additional health checks beyond those provided by the NHS, targeted at harder-to-reach groups.
- Children’s health priority: Update action plan with additional actions for the priority “ensure children and young people enjoy good physical and mental health”, in line with our current review of children’s services, to include recommendations from the Early Help Strategy, the Mental Health Needs Assessment, the 0-5 Years Needs Assessment. Also include an action to expand the evidence base (JSNA) to cover child sexual health and sufficiency of sexual advice services (including awareness of CSE), self-harm, accidents to children, child and family mental health, alcohol/substance misuse and domestic abuse.

11. The updated JHWS (Appendix 1) therefore includes an additional priority, “promote integrated working between social care and health”, whilst the priority “confirm that more people in the City are warm in the winter months” has been removed.

12. The comments above have been incorporated into the updated action plan, with changes highlighted in the attached draft for Members’ approval (Appendix 2).

Proposals

13. Members are asked to approve the refreshed JHWS and action plan (attached as Appendix 1 and 2).

14. A full re-write of the JHWS will take place during 2016.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

15. It is a statutory requirement for HWBs to produce a JHWS, and for it to be kept up to date.

Conclusion

16. The City of London HWB has committed to a three-year JHWS, with a yearly review. The HWB has reviewed the current JHWS and accompanying action plan and proposed a number of changes.

17. These changes have been incorporated into the refreshed JHWS and action plan, which are attached as Appendix 1 and 2. Members are asked to approve these documents.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-16 (Draft)
- Appendix 2 – Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan 2014-16 (Draft)

Background Papers

18th July 2014 – Development Day: Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy refresh

30th September 2014 – Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy: Action Plan

24th April 2015 – Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Action Plan Progress Report

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