

Appendix I: Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Development

Purpose

The purpose of this briefing is to provide policy context of the Joint Health and wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) and overview of Barnet JHWS. It also describes proposed steps for developing Barnet JHWS 2020.

Background (national policy context)

Established and hosted by Barnet Council, the Barnet Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) bring together the NHS, public health, adult social care and children's services, and community representative (local Healthwatch) to plan how best to meet the needs of their local population.

Producing Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) is a statutory responsibility for the HWB, as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

The purpose of the JHWS is 'to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and reduce inequalities for all ages'¹, and describes how the HWB aims to address needs identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

Current JHWS for Barnet expires in March 2020, therefore we need to start a process to review and update the existing strategy.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015-2020

Current JHWS was published in 2015, which had two overarching aims and four objectives:

Aims:

1. Keeping well
2. Promoting Independence

Objectives:

- Improving outcomes for babies, young children and their families
- Creating circumstances that enable people to have greater life opportunities
- Encouraging healthier lifestyles
- Providing care and support to facilitate good outcomes and improve user experience

Progress of this strategy has been assessed annually at Health and Wellbeing Board meeting and priorities were updated accordingly. The latest priorities agreed at HWB are:

- Integrating health and social care and providing support for those with mental health problems and complex needs
- Encouraging residents to lead active and healthy lifestyles and maintain their mental wellbeing
- Improving services for children and young people and ensuring the needs of children are considered in everything we do
- Creating a healthy environment
- Continuing improvements on preventative intervention

¹ Statutory Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (2013) Department of Health.

Proposed process

The statutory guidance for JHWS highlights the opportunities and importance of addressing communities' voice in the strategy as well as importance of utilising the strategy to reflect evidence of needs in decision makings and commissioning.

Estimated time	Activity
July 2019	Agreement of the overall process of JHWS update at HWB meeting – this will ensure transparency, as well as raising awareness amongst the board member about this piece of work.
July 2019	Engagement with key stakeholders – including commissioners, voluntary organisations and Healthwatch
September 2019	Engagement with community – utilise existing platform as much as possible, workshop / focus group style engagement events to capture views of the community
October 2019	Workshop / engagement event with HWB members to finalise aims and key priorities of the JHWS
October / November 2019	Finalising draft JHWS
November / December 2019	Draft JHWS to be signed off by HWB? Sign-off of draft JHWS required but no HWB meeting scheduled during this period. Recommendation: Delegated sign off (Chair and Vice Chair)
November – Jan 2020	Consultation Minimum 6 weeks consultation is recommended. Consultation needs to be completed by the first half of January at the latest to ensure enough time to address comments and finalise the JHWS for March 2020 sign off and publication.
January / February 2019	Addressing comments received through consultation Final document must be ready at least 2 weeks before the board meeting.
March 2019	Final sign off at HWB meeting and publication – HWB date TBC