
Meeting	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	3 April 2012
Subject	Health and Well-being Strategy
Report of	Overview and Scrutiny Office
Summary	The final draft of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, Keeping Well, Keeping Independent, sets out the Health and Well-being Board's approach to improving the health and wellbeing of Barnet citizens and patients. The strategy is due to be presented to the Health and Well-being Board prior to circulation through a consultation process.

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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	All
Enclosures	None
For decision by	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Function of	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not applicable

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1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 That the Committee note the Health and Well-Being Strategy and comment and make recommendations as appropriate.**

2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 2.1 Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Forward Work Programme (Agenda Item 17) – The Health and Well-being Strategy to be added to the HOSC Work Programme.
- 2.2 Health and Wellbeing Board, 19 January 2012 – considered first draft of Health and Well-Being Strategy and requested final draft be presented to the HWBB on the 22 March 2012 prior to public consultation.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees must ensure that the work of Scrutiny is reflective of the Council's priorities.
- 3.2 The Health and Well-Being Strategy is the principal strategy which will implement the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of 'healthy and independent living'. Under the Health and Social Care Bill, the proposed commissioning plans of Clinical Commissioning Groups must be signed off by the Health and Well-Being Board to ensure they conform to the overall Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 3.3 The work programme of the HWBB contributes to a number of the Council's priority objectives as expressed in the 2011-2013 Corporate plan, specifically 'integrate health and social care services to promote better outcomes, increase independence and reduce bureaucracy'; continue to safeguard vulnerable adults from avoidable harm and 'improve health and well-being through early detection and management of disease and improvement in lifestyle to reduce the risk of avoidable disease'.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 There is a risk that the Health and Well-being Strategy will not be adopted fully and in a meaningful fashion across the Council, NHS, wider community partners and with families and communities. To mitigate against this risk a consultation process that includes engagement across the Council; Barnet Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG); Barnet GPs; NHS commissioners and providers; the Local Involvement Network (LINK), third sector networks and other stakeholders is to be undertaken following final endorsement of the draft strategy by the Health and Well-being Board.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 In addition to the Terms of Reference of the Committee, and in so far as relating to matters within its remit, the role of the Committee is to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to:
- The Council's leadership role in relation to diversity and inclusiveness; and
 - The fulfilment of the Council's duties as employer including recruitment and retention, personnel, pensions and payroll services, staff development, equalities and health and safety.

5.2 Equality and diversity issues are a mandatory consideration in decision-making in the council pursuant to the Equality Act 2010. This means the council and all other organisations acting on its behalf must have due regard to the equality duties when exercising a public function. The broad purpose of this duty is to integrate considerations of equality and good relations into day to day business requiring equality considerations to be reflected into the design of policies and the delivery of services and for these to be kept under review. Health partners as relevant public bodies must similarly discharge their duties under the Equality Act 2010 and consideration of equalities issues should therefore form part of their reports.

5.3 The Barnet Health and Well-Being Strategy has been developed to set out a clear programme of work to address the headline recommendation areas for Barnet identified in the refreshed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. These were identified as being to:-

- continue, and preferably increase, smoking cessation activity, especially in pregnancy;
- improve the uptake of breast screening in Barnet to increase early identification and reduce mortality;
- tackle the obesity epidemic by promoting the benefits of physical activity and healthy diets and lifestyles
- reduce the rate of hospitalisation among older people following presentation at A&E;
- develop more effective campaigns to ensure individuals with mental health problems and those with learning disabilities receive appropriate health checks; and
- support residents to take greater responsibility for their own and their families health.

5.4 An equalities and impact assessment of the Health and Wellbeing strategy will be undertaken to inform the agreement of the strategy by the Health and Wellbeing Board and subsequent monitoring of the impacts on the local community arising from implementation.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

6.1 None directly within the context of this report however the development and implementation of the Health and Well-being Strategy will require officer resources drawn from across the council and public health partners.

6.2 The Health and Well-being Board have allocated £5,000 towards the funding of the consultation process for the strategy. This has been drawn from a one off allocation from NHS London of £15,000 for 2011/12 to support the development of the Health and Well-being Board.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

7.1 The Health and Social Care Bill, currently before Parliament, will require each upper tier local authority to establish a Health and Well-Being Board, which will, inter alia, develop a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and a Health and Well-being Strategy.

7.2 The Health and Well-being Strategy will meet the Health and Well-being Board's duty, as contained in the Health and Social Care Bill 2011, to prepare a Health and Well-Being Strategy. Line by line examination of the Bill in its Report Stage has concluded and the third reading took place on 19th March 2012 when final amendments were made to the Bill.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

8.1 The scope of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees is contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Council's Constitution.

8.2 The Terms of Reference of the Scrutiny Committees are included in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Council's Constitution). The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee has within its terms of reference responsibility:

(i) To perform the overview and scrutiny role in relation to health issues which impact upon the residents of the London Borough of Barnet and the functions services and activities of the National Health Service (NHS) and NHS bodies located within the London Borough of Barnet and in other areas.

(ii) To make reports and recommendations to the Executive and/or other relevant authorities on health issues which affect or may affect the borough and its residents.

(iii) To invite executive officers and other relevant personnel of the Barnet Primary Care Trust, Barnet GP Commissioning Consortium, Barnet Health and Wellbeing Board and/or other health bodies to attend meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as appropriate.

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

9.1 Developing the Health and Well-Being Strategy

In July 2011, the Health and Well-being Board considered and signed off the Barnet Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The JSNA is the evidence base of the health and social care needs of the population of Barnet, and was produced following an extensive engagement process. Compared to the previous version of the JSNA in 2009, the Board were able to add value by deciding that, having analysed the findings of the JSNA, they would focus on a limited number of priorities, namely

- continue, and preferably increase, smoking cessation activity, especially in pregnancy;
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A draft Health and Well-being Strategy 'Keeping Well Keeping Independent' was taken to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 19 January 2012 for comment.

There was a full and constructive discussion about the draft strategy by all partners at the Board. There was general agreement on the direction of the strategy: however, a number of changes were proposed including reducing the length of the strategy and setting out more clearly how the outcomes will be achieved.

It was noted that as the Health and Wellbeing Strategy is a document that both health and Council commissioning plans need to take account of, care needs to be taken to use language in a manner that ensures a common understanding across all partners and stakeholders. A re-drafted Health and Well-being Strategy will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 22 March 2012 prior to public consultation.

10. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 Department of Health, 'Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS', White Paper , Cm 7881, 2010

Available from:

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_117353

- 10.2 Health and Social Care Bill 2011

Information available from:

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Legislation/Actsandbills/HealthandSocialCareBill2011/index.htm>

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