

Agenda Item 8

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
Boston Borough Council	East Lindsey District Council	City of Lincoln Council	Lincolnshire County Council
North Kesteven District Council	South Holland District Council	South Kesteven District Council	West Lindsey District Council

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, the Director Responsible for Democratic Services

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	19 July 2017
Subject:	Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Prioritisation

Summary:

On 14 June 2017, the Health Scrutiny Committee established a working group to consider the 35 themes in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA); and to select which themes merited prioritisation for the purposes of drafting the revised Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Following the Working Group, a draft statement has been prepared which is attached for the Committee's consideration and approval.

Actions Required:

The Health Scrutiny Committee is recommended to approve the statement (attached at Appendix A) as its response to the consultation on which themes in the Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment should be prioritised for inclusion in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

1. Background

As reported to the Committee on 14 June 2017, Local Authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have a joint duty to prepare a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) through the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).

The JSNA is an assessment of the current and future health and care needs of the local population and is used by the HWB to develop the JHWS and provides a shared evidence base to support the planning and commissioning of health and care services.

On 14 June 2017, the Health Scrutiny Committee established a working group, comprising Councillors Carl Macey, Chris Brewis, Kate Cook, Jackie Kirk, Mrs Pauline Watson and Mark Whittington. The working group met on 4 July and considered and commented on the JSNA themes. The working group's views have been incorporated in the attached statement (Appendix A), which the Committee is invited to consider and adopt as its formal feedback on which themes in the JSNA could be prioritised for inclusion in the JHWS.

Next Steps - Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The response from the Committee, together with all the feedback, will be reported to the Health and Wellbeing in September, with a view to its development of the themes.

3. Conclusion

The Health Scrutiny Committee is recommended to approve the statement (attached at Appendix A) as its response to the consultation on which themes in the Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment should be prioritised for inclusion in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft Statement by the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire on Prioritisation of the Themes in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Inclusion in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE

Draft Statement on Prioritisation of the Themes in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Inclusion in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

General Comments

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire highlights the need for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) to focus on targeting of resources towards those areas with greatest needs within Lincolnshire in order to address the significant inequalities between areas. This also includes making services readily accessible, particularly for the most vulnerable members of the community.

The Committee would also like to highlight that it believes the JHWS should have a strong preventive focus which targets early intervention and education over more costly treatment and interventions later. However, the Committee would like assurance that the JHWS is being used as a crucial piece of evidence for the local NHS in shaping the Lincolnshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

Lastly, the Committee is concerned that delivering the JHWS whilst resources are already stretched across the county will represent a significant challenge to the Health and Wellbeing Board for Lincolnshire and how this will be addressed needs to be highlighted in the JHWS.

Priorities for consideration

The Committee agrees that many of the topics within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment are inter-linked and so prioritising one topic creates a knock on effect to a number of other areas.

Taking a principle of focusing on prevention the Committee would wish to see the following areas prioritised in the next JHWS for Lincolnshire:

Mental Health

The Committee would very much like to see this issue prioritised within the next JHWS as it represents an area which underpins and links to many others areas of need including suicide, drug and alcohol misuse, domestic abuse and smoking. The Committee also noted that access to services for those with mental health needs, particularly children and young people, can be difficult due to lack of key professional resources such as clinical psychologists in the county.

Dementia and Falls

The Committee would like to see these themes included as priorities due to the increasing needs linked to these issues because of an ageing population and the significant costs to the health and care economy as a result.

Carers

Due to the number of unpaid carers in the county and the level of support they provide, which would otherwise have to be paid for by health and care services, the Committee believes that it is important that carers needs are included within the JHWS.

Financial Inclusion

The Committee would like to highlight this issue as it affects a large portion of the community and not just those on low incomes or living in poverty. It also affects older people who might be asset rich (i.e. own their own homes) but are cash poor and, therefore, struggling to make ends meet. Tackling this priority also has an impact on addressing others areas of need such as Housing.

Road Traffic Collisions

Due to the high number of deaths and serious injuries on Lincolnshire's roads, which is considerably higher in Lincolnshire than other areas, and the rural nature of much of the road network in the county, the Committee would propose that this should be a priority in the next JHWS. They also highlighted the importance of maintenance of road signs to ensure speed limit signs are clearly visible on rural roads in the county.

Learning Disabilities, Special Educational Needs and Autism

The Committee agrees that these are important needs for consideration within the next JHWS particularly where the evidence shows that as awareness increases then so does diagnosis and with this brings an increased demand on services to support people. The Committee also highlighted concern at the low level of diagnosis of learning disability and the low level of Learning Disability Health Checks undertaken. Finally the Committee considered these issues to be interlinked with a number of others areas of need such as financial inclusion (through employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities) and carers (as many of these individuals with have needs being met through unpaid, informal family carers).

Conclusion

The Committee noted the timescales and next steps and looks forward to seeing the outcome of the JHWS engagement by the Health and Wellbeing in September 2017.