

# Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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## Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2023

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### Purpose of this report

1. To present the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2023 (JHWS) to the Health and Wellbeing Board for approval.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Approve the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2023.

### Issues

#### Background

2. The Joint Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to refresh the JHWS at the Board meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> November. The decision to refresh the strategy reflected the need to keep the strategy up to date, recognising that the wider strategic context had changed and that the areas of focus needed reviewing.

#### Strategy development

3. The Board considered the evidence on Central Bedfordshire's health needs, as set out in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, and used this as the basis for a discussion on potential priorities for the strategy at a Board development session held on 21st February. The Board agreed three broad priority areas at this session: mental health and wellbeing, self care and growth.

4. Development of the mental health priority area was informed by a stakeholder workshop held on 25<sup>th</sup> April.
5. The priorities were reviewed at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> July.
6. Engagement on the draft strategy has taken place with mental health commissioners and providers, the Council's regeneration team, the voluntary sector and Central Bedfordshire's Transformation Board.
7. The draft strategy was reviewed in detail at the Board's development session on 5<sup>th</sup> September and comments from the Board have shaped the revised draft.
8. The draft strategy identifies the following vision and priorities:

Vision: Our vision for Central Bedfordshire is to improve health and wellbeing and reduce inequalities now and for future generations. We will do this by focussing on three priorities:

- 1) Driving change to improve mental health and wellbeing for people of all ages;
- 2) Enabling people to optimise their own health and wellbeing;
- 3) Ensuring that growth delivers improvements in health and wellbeing for current and future residents.

### **Process and timeline**

9. Pending agreement by the Board, the JHWS will be presented to Bedfordshire CCG Governing Body and Central Bedfordshire Council Executive.
10. Following this, the next step will be to map the agreed priorities against existing workstreams and plans to identify specific areas of focus for the Board. Leadership, governance and resourcing arrangements for new areas of work will then need to be agreed.

### **Financial and Risk Implications**

11. The objectives of the strategy will need to be delivered within existing resources, but opportunities to obtain national or regional funding to support the aims of the strategy may be sought. If an effective Health and Wellbeing Strategy cannot be agreed, then there is a risk that partnership working to improve local health and wellbeing will stall and health gains will not be achieved.

### **Governance and Delivery Implications**

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to produce a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (Health and Social Care Act 2012).

## **Equalities Implications**

13. The PSED requires public bodies to consider all individuals when carrying out their day to day work – in shaping policy, in delivering services and in relation to their own employees. It requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
14. Reducing inequalities is a core principle of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## **Implications for Work Programme**

15. The JHWS will inform the Joint Health and Wellbeing Board's work programme.

## **Conclusion and next Steps**

16. The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out the Board's priorities. Following agreement by the Board, the Strategy will be presented to Bedfordshire CCG Governing Body and Central Bedfordshire Council Executive The next step will be to map these against existing workstreams and plans to identify areas of focus; ownership, governance arrangements and resourcing for these will then need to be agreed.

## **Appendices**

### **Appendix A: Central Bedfordshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2023.**