

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Health and Wellbeing Board
2.	Date:	11 July 2012
3.	Title:	Work Plan Update and Reflections on Progress
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

The Health and Wellbeing Board is nearing the end of its first 12 months in operation. This report provides the board with an overview and update on progress for the year one priority actions as set out in the Board's work plan for 2011/12.

It will also be important for the board to reflect on its progress to date and consider how the board is operating, relationships between partners and where shared learning from the national Health and Wellbeing Board learning sets can be implemented to achieve continued success. To enable a valuable discussion to happen, it is proposed that a structured questionnaire be prepared for board members to consider, the results of which will then form the basis of a reflective session at the board meeting in September.

6. Recommendations

That the Health and wellbeing Board:

- **Notes the progress on the year one work plan**
- **Agrees to complete a structured questionnaire on the effectiveness of the board during its first year**
- **An analysis of the feedback from this questionnaire is presented to the board during its meeting in September**

7. Proposals and Details

The Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) has been in operation for 12 months in September. It is therefore timely for board members to reflect on the achievements of the board to date; including the progress of the year one work plan, the way in which the board has been operating and relationships between the key partners.

7.1 Year One Work Plan

The attached work plan, which includes year one priorities for the board, demonstrates what has been achieved to date and where further work may need to be continued into the second year plan.

The key activity completed in year one includes:

- The completed refresh and sign-off of the Rotherham JSNA
- A Rotherham Health Inequalities Summit
- Development of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

The JHWS will be crucial for informing the forward plan for the Board, and includes a set of actions which the board will need to deliver on over the next three years.

There is also a wealth of resources available which are coming out of the national Action Learning Sets for Health and Wellbeing Boards. Each learning set has contributed to a set of products to be used by Boards to support them in continuing to develop ahead of taking on statutory responsibilities in April 2013. Board members are asked to consider which of these may be of use to them to build into their work plan going forward.

Summary of Action Learning Set Products

Making best use of collective resources - This summary guide is meant to help health and wellbeing boards understand how to collectively use the resources available in their local area. Money is one part of this, but the guide also highlights how other kinds of resources can be used collaboratively to greater effect.

Health Impact assessments – a useful tool for Health and wellbeing Boards - This document provides an overview of the health impact assessment (HIA) process. A HIA is a tool that enables health and wellbeing boards to assess what impact a particular change of policy or new development, service or strategy will have on the health of the local population. It is particularly valuable in bringing a public health perspective to decision making areas that are traditionally viewed as being outside the remit of public health, for example, transport, employment, spatial planning and land use. This resource provides examples of this process for practical use.

Health and Wellbeing Boards and children, young people and families – this resource looks at how HWBBs can make an effective contribution to improving health and wellbeing outcomes for children and young people. It includes key factors for success and challenges for boards to consider.

Children and young people and health and wellbeing: review of documents - This briefing summarises the key policy documents on children and young people's health and wellbeing that have been published over the last two years. It provides a useful literature review to members of health and wellbeing boards on an issue where local inter-agency cooperation is much needed, and where there have recently been several significant policy developments.

A guide to governance for Health and Wellbeing Boards – This resource offers guidance on the role of Health and wellbeing boards giving oversight and strategic leadership across many complex organisations and systems.

Patient and public engagement for Health and Wellbeing Boards - Engaging patients and the public in the commissioning and provision of services is recognised as best practice and is also a statutory requirement under the Health and Social Care Act (2012). However, the multiplicity of models and definitions for patient and public engagement (PPE) can make decisions about 'how' and 'when' to engage appear difficult. This resource offers some insight into best practice around this issue.

Useful resources for Health and Wellbeing Boards – provides useful information and contacts for health and wellbeing boards and members.

7.2 Reflection Session

At the Board meeting in September, John Wilderspin (National Director of Health and Wellbeing Board Implementation, Dept. of Health) will be in attendance to observe the Rotherham HWBB. The purpose of this visit will be to see the work being done locally to establish the board and to gather insights and learning for the development of HWBBs nationally. It will also be an opportunity for John to share any knowledge and experience which has been learnt at a national level.

The existing work programme includes for the board to have a reflection session at the meeting in September. John's attendance at this session provides an excellent opportunity to not just consider the progress of the board – it will allow us to benefit from his insight from a national perspective and allow John to take away the views from board members.

To ensure this session provides real, meaningful insight into how the board is maturing, it is proposed that a structured questionnaire is developed for individual board members to take away and consider. Responses to this questionnaire will be needed by 8 August, to allow for these to be collated and analysed, and presented back to the board in September; providing the basis for the discussion.

8. Finance

There are no financial implications directly related to the contents of this report.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The board has been successful in achieving the key priorities set out for year one. To ensure this success continues, and to ensure the board is in a position to take on statutory responsibilities from April 2013, it will be important to reflect on the way in which the board has been developing, including the relationships between partners and progress of key actions required.

Having an agreed work plan for the Board will also be integral to its future development and success.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The strategic plan for the Board for the next three years is set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which is currently published in draft form whilst we seek views from local people and professionals.

Part of the implementation of the local strategy and to ensure we deliver on the priorities and actions, will be to have a performance management framework in place. The Board will monitor this framework to ensure we are delivering what we set out to do and the work plan will need to reflect this.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Health and Wellbeing Board year one work plan (attached)

Useful resources for Health and Wellbeing Boards (attached)

Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-15

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