

Health and Wellbeing Board

1.	Date:	22 nd April 2015
2.	Title:	Health and Wellbeing Strategy

3. Summary

The report provides brief background on discussions to date relating to the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and sets out issues for the Board to consider to support its ongoing development.

4. Recommendations

- **Members of the Board give their views on content, timescales and the process of producing the new Strategy, including utilisation of the remaining time available from John Deffenbaugh.**

5. Proposals and details

Background

At the partner workshop on 19th February and the Health and Wellbeing Board's away session on 19th March, it was agreed that there would need to be further discussion about the future Health and Wellbeing Strategy post-2015.

During the period of the existing strategy, 2012 to 2015, Rotherham has received massive coverage for its failings in safeguarding children, in particular children suffering from sexual exploitation. Also in that period, there has been the bedding down of the transfer nationally of the Public Health function into local authorities. The context in which this new Strategy will be produced will be very different from the last.

Key issues

The 2012-15 Health and Wellbeing Strategy has very little mention of children. In theory, there are links between the Local Safeguarding Children Board and the Safeguarding Adults Board. Although there are some good aspects of the last Strategy, in discussions we have agreed that the new Strategy needs a fresh start to reflect the changed times we are in and the vital local priorities we need to address, many of which have links with alcohol, drugs and mental health. Children will need to be at the heart of this.

We have also agreed that, in timing terms, the ideal time to complete the work on the Strategy would be by mid-September 2015, in order to fit in with the policy and planning cycles of both the council and the CCG.

As well as agreeing the priorities, consideration also needs to be given to the means of and timescales for consulting with a wider range of stakeholders, and the performance management arrangements for the Strategy.

A task group has been established to lead the work on the new Strategy, but the Board now needs to consider how it would like to utilise the remaining time available from John Deffenbaugh, and any other options to support the Strategy's ongoing development.

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