

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

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| REPORT: | Health and Wellbeing Board | |
| DATE OF DECISION | 24 January 2024 | |
| REPORT TITLE: | Croydon Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy Refresh: progress update and next steps | |
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| DECISION TAKER: | Health and Wellbeing Board | |
| AUTHORITY TO TAKE DECISION: | Constitution of the London Borough of Croydon - Part 4.L It is a function of the Health and Wellbeing board to encourage, for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of people in Croydon, persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in Croydon. | |
| KEY DECISION? [Insert Ref. Number if a Key Decision] <i>Guidance: A Key Decision reference number will be allocated upon submission of a forward plan entry to Democratic Services.</i> | No | N/A |
| CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION? <i>(* See guidance)</i> | No | Public |
| WARDS AFFECTED: | All | |

1 SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board have agreed to refresh the current strategy in March 2023.
- 1.2 This report provides updates to the refresh, summarising insights from the joint Health and Wellbeing Board and Health and Care Board workshop, presenting the consultation pack and next steps.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 To note progress with the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) Refresh, including insights from the joint Health and Wellbeing Board and Health and Care Board workshop and the draft JLHWS for consultation.
- 2.2 Agree the next steps in collating and responding to the feedback from the consultation and finalising the strategy.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 There is a statutory requirement for the Health and Wellbeing Board to produce a 'Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy' (JLHWS) to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and reduce inequalities across the life course.
- 3.2 With the implementation of the Health and Care Act 2022, Health and Wellbeing Boards continue to be responsible for the development of the JLHWS. However, the Act notes that the Boards 'must now have regard to the integrated care strategy when preparing their joint local health and wellbeing strategies in addition to having regard to the NHS Mandate.'¹
- 3.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board is currently refreshing the JLHWS for 2024-2029. This process includes a formal consultation period scheduled for **15 January-19 February 2024**.

4 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

- 4.1 Croydon Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has a statutory duty to develop the JLHWS. This strategy aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people the local community and reduce inequalities across the life course.
- 4.2 The HWB agreed to review and refresh the JLHWS in March 2023 and received progress updates in October 2023.

¹ More information is available at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1099832/Statutory-Guidance-on-Joint-Strategic-Needs-Assessments-and-Joint-Health-and-Wellbeing-Strategies-March-2013.pdf.

4.3 In November 2023, the HWB and the Health and Care Board held a joint workshop to review and revise the vision, guiding principles and priority areas of focus for 2024-2029. This was informed by:

- Data and evidence from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment,
- Alignment with key strategies including the Mayor’s Business Plan and the South West London Integrated Care Partnership Strategy,
- Input from community events in the Borough and the Community Plans of six Local Community Partnerships.
- How much positive impact each priority can make on individuals and communities.

A summary of this workshop is included in Appendix I.

4.4 Insights from the joint workshop were used to develop the draft vision, guiding principles and priority areas of focus for the revised strategy. These were then shared and discussed at the Healthwatch Community Engagement event in November 2023. Insights from the Healthwatch Community Engagement event are presented in a separate Board report.

4.5 A consultation pack was developed based on feedback and insights from the above two events. Collaborating with the council’s Consultation team and Communications and Engagement colleagues, a consultation was launched on **15 January 2024**. This consultation will run until **18 February 2024**. For the draft vision, guiding principles and priority areas of focus for 2024-2029, please see supporting material titled ‘Consultation pack-draft JLHWS 2024-2029-V1.0.pdf.’

4.6 The following table shows indicative timelines for the remaining phases for the review and refresh.

| Task | Description | Date |
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| Public consultation period | Formal public consultation | 15 January-19 February 2024 |
| Final draft ready for review and agreement | Final draft prepared incorporating feedback from the public consultation. | March 2024 |
| Review and agreement by HWB Board | Final draft reviewed and approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board | March-April 2024 |
| Review and agreement by full Council | Strategy approved by Full Council. | May 2024 |
| Publication of updated Strategy | New Strategy published. | Expected June 2024 |

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The responsible local authority and its partner integrated care boards need not prepare a new joint local health and wellbeing strategy if, having considered the integrated care

strategy, they consider that the existing joint local health and wellbeing strategy is sufficient.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1** The Health and Wellbeing Board has taken a partnership approach to refreshing the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This report presents the public consultation process for the draft Strategy.

7. CONTRIBUTION TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- 7.1** Croydon Health and Wellbeing Strategy supports the delivery of a number of key council priorities, including the following outcomes in Mayor's Business Plan (2022-26)
- Outcome 5. People can lead healthier and independent lives for longer
 - Priority 1. Work with partners and the VCFS to promote independence, health and wellbeing and keep vulnerable adults safe.
 - Priority 2. Work closely with health services and the VCFS to improve resident health and reduce health inequalities.
 - Priority 3. Foster a sense of community and civic life.
- 7.2** The Strategy will also have crosscutting links with several other outcomes in the Mayor's Business plan, including:
- Outcome 3. Children and young people in Croydon have the chance to thrive, learn and fulfil their potential
 - Outcome 4. Croydon is a cleaner, safer and healthier place, a borough we are proud to call home.

8. IMPLICATIONS

8.1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1.1** There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. Any future financial impact will be fully considered as part of subsequent reports as they arise.

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8.2 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.2.1** The establishment, composition and functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board are set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, sections 194-196. Section 196(1) provides that the functions of a local authority and its partner integrated care boards under section 116 and 116A of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the 2007 Act) are to be exercised by the Health and Wellbeing Board established by the local authority.
- 8.2.2** Section 116A of the 2007 Act, provides that where the responsible local authority and each of its partner integrated care boards receive an integrated care strategy,

they must prepare a strategy (“a joint local health and wellbeing strategy”) setting out how the assessed needs in relation to the responsible local authority’s area are to be met by the exercise of functions of—

- (a) the responsible local authority,
- (b) its partner integrated care boards, or
- (c) NHS England.

- 8.2.3** The responsible local authority and its partner integrated care boards need not prepare a new joint local health and wellbeing strategy if, having considered the integrated care strategy, they consider that the existing joint local health and wellbeing strategy is sufficient.
- 8.2.4** In preparing a strategy under this section, the responsible local authority and each of its partner integrated care boards must, in particular, consider the extent to which the assessed needs could be met more effectively by the making of arrangements under section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (rather than in any other way). In addition, the responsible local authority and each of its partner integrated care boards must have regard to the integrated care strategy prepared under section 116ZB, of the 2007 Act, the mandate published by the Secretary of State under section 13A of the National Health Service Act 2006, and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State. In this regard the current statutory guidance is the Department of Health guidance “Statutory Guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies”. There is also published non-statutory guidance “Health and Wellbeing Boards- guidance” dated 22 November 2022 which is of relevance.
- 8.2.5** In preparing a strategy under this section, the responsible local authority and each of its partner integrated care boards must—(a) involve the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area of the responsible local authority, and (b) involve the people who live or work in that area.
- 8.2.6** The responsible local authority must publish each strategy prepared by it under this section.
- 8.2.7** The Health and Wellbeing Board continues to be responsible for the development of joint strategic needs assessments under Section 116 of the 2007 Act and joint local health and wellbeing strategies. However, the Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy is part of the Policy Framework under Article 4 of the Council’s constitution, and therefore the approval process is as set out in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, and the function of approving the Strategy is a matter reserved to Full Council.

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8.3 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 8.3.1** The Council has a statutory duty to comply with the provisions set out in the Sec 149 Equality Act 2010. The Council must therefore have due regard to:
- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act.

- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
 - foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
- 8.3.2** The Health and Wellbeing Strategy crosses all equality/protected characteristics, since it places improving health and wellbeing and reducing inequalities in these outcomes at its core. The refresh of the strategy will aim to benefit all equality and protected characteristics among Croydon residents.
- 8.3.3** There are a number of Health and wellbeing challenges which may impact particular characteristics such as instances of mental health illness in males, LGBT+ community, racial trauma in the Global Majority and the over representation of the Global Majority in mental health institutions.
- 8.3.4** The council is a pilot organisation on the Chief Executive London Councils Tackling Racial Injustice Programme. The programme requires each local authority to understand, acknowledge and support racial trauma as an issue affecting the Global Majority in workplaces.
- 8.3.5** An equality impact assessment has been carried out in December 2023. The assessment identified positive impacts for all protected characteristics. At the time of the assessment, no negative impacts were identified. This assessment will be revisited prior to finalising the strategy in 2024. Please see Appendix 3 titled 'Equality analysis form-Draft JLHWS-V1.0' for details.

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9. APPENDICES

Appendix I. Summary of joint Health and Wellbeing Board and Health and Care Board workshop

Appendix 2a. Consultation pack-draft JLHWS 2024-2029-V0.3.pdf

Appendix 2b. JSNA Summary-November 2023.pdf.

Appendix 3. Equality analysis form-Draft JLHWS-V1.0.docx

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