

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

REPORT:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD	
DATE OF DECISION	WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2024	
REPORT TITLE:	Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS): Healthwatch Croydon Community Engagement Session- Summary Report	
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AUTHORITY TO TAKE DECISION:	Constitution of the London Borough of Croydon - Part 4.L – Terms of Reference Health and Wellbeing Board1.4 To exercise the functions of the Council in preparing a joint health and wellbeing strategy under Section 116A of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007	
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	REASON: N/A
CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION? <i>(* See guidance)</i>	NO	Public

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board are keen to ensure that the views of local residents are reflected in the refresh of the local joint health and wellbeing strategy and, as part of this, Healthwatch Croydon conducted a Community Engagement session during the Annual Meeting on 29 November 2023, with the findings and recommendations being taken into account in the production of the formal consultation document. Attendees were invited to consider the draft strategy that Public Health colleagues had produced following their work gathering community insights from local reports produced by Healthwatch Croydon, local VCFS organisations and others, alongside the findings of Joint Strategic Needs Assessment reports. A report outlining the activities and outcomes of this session is included as Appendix A.
2. The Community Engagement session was attended by more than 50 local residents, and addressed three questions, which were:
 - (a) What does health and wellbeing mean to you?
 - (b) Does the draft vision statement reflect our shared values, collective identity and health and wellbeing ambitions in Croydon and is it easy to understand?
 - (c) Are the draft priorities the right ones, are any missing or should any be removed?
3. All the attendees were encouraged to participate in discussions and in putting their thoughts and suggestions on post-it notes which were displayed and have been analysed. These comments have been transcribed into the report (Appendix A), and have been considered when drafting the consultation document, which is also on the agenda for this Board meeting.
4. The key findings and recommendations arising from this Community Engagement session are summarised in a presentation that accompanies this report.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

For the reasons set out in the report [and the presentation], the Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended:

1. to note the findings and recommendations in the report of the community engagement undertaken by Healthwatch Croydon; and
2. to agree to the inclusion of these findings and recommendations in the draft local joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy refresh consultation document, which is addressed in other reports on this agenda.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. The legislation relevant to the Health and Wellbeing Board's responsibilities for the local joint health and wellbeing strategy refresh is summarised in section 8.2. This includes, in paragraph 8.2.5, the involvement of the Local Healthwatch and local people in the preparation of the strategy. This report, together with Appendix A, sets out the views of local people on the draft vision and priorities, as articulated during the recent community engagement session run by Healthwatch Croydon.
- 3.2. The community engagement session was organised specifically to provide information from local people that could inform the formal consultation document, which is the subject of another report on this Board's agenda. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are invited to consider whether the formal consultation document, as presented to the Board, has appropriately taken into account the findings and recommendations of the community engagement session.

4. BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

- 4.1. This information is provided in other sections of the report, Appendix A and the presentation.

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.
- 5.2. On this occasion the Health and Wellbeing Board has concluded that the joint local health and wellbeing strategy should be refreshed, and that the views of local people should be taken into account during this process.

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 outcome of the

public engagement process in relation to the draft Strategy, the findings and recommendations of which have been taken into account when drafting the Strategy refresh prior to the formal consultation process.

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.

8.1.2. Comments approved by Lesley Shields, Head of Finance for Assistant Chief Executive and Resources on behalf of the Director of Finance. (Date 15/01/2024).

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. Paragraph 3.5 of the Statutory Guidance referred to above, provides “Health and wellbeing boards will need to decide for themselves when to update or refresh JSNAs and JHWSs or undertake a fresh process to ensure that they are able to inform local commissioning plans over time. They do not need to be undertaken from scratch every year; however boards will need to assure themselves that their evidence-based priorities are up to date to inform the relevant local commissioning plans. To be transparent and enable wide participation, boards should be clear with their partners and the community what their timing cycles are and when outputs will be published”.
- 8.2.8. 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.

8.2.9. Comments approved by Sandra Herbert, the Head of Litigation & Corporate Law on behalf of the Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer. (Date 09/01/2024)

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:

(a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act.

(b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it

(c) 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. Further details about this are provided in another report on this committee agenda.

8.3.6. Comments approved by Denise McCausland the Equalities Programme Manager. (Date 08/01/2024)

9. APPENDICES

9.1 *A Feedback from the Healthwatch Croydon Community Engagement Session for the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2024-2029). 29 November 2023*