

Report Title. Outcome of the Department of Health National Support Team Health Inequalities (NSTHI) visit

Report of
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Wards(s) affected: All

Report for:

1. Purpose of the report

Provide members with details of the outcome of the visit and to share the next steps.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member

3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:

Sustainable Community Strategy outcome:

- Have healthier people with a better quality of life

Well-Being Strategic Framework outcomes:

- Improved health and emotional well-being
- Improved quality of life

4. Recommendations

1. Members to give their thoughts and views on the 'High Level Recommendations'.
2. Members to consider how they want to continue their input into the health inequalities agenda.

5. Reason for recommendation(s)

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been Health Inequalities 'champions' and their continuing involvement in this agenda would be beneficial to organisations implementing the recommendations and to the population.

6. Other options considered**7. Summary**

The Department of Health (DH) NSTHI visited Haringey in October to review what we are doing in relation to reducing adult health inequalities in the borough. They were particularly interested in keeping up the momentum around the national 2010 life expectancy targets against which Haringey is currently on track for both men and women.

The visit benefited from the input of many individuals within NHS Haringey, the Council, North Middlesex Hospital and the voluntary and community sector. The team congratulated the partners on their commitment and passion for this area. The team presented their findings and recommendations in the closing plenary and these presentations were disseminated to everyone who participated in the visit.

An action plan is under development although some recommendations from the visit have already commenced. An early draft Action Plan was presented to the Well Being Partnership Board on 8th December and the valuable feedback will be incorporated into the final version. NHS Haringey invited the DH team to the next Haringey Strategic Partnership Board on 27th January to present their findings and support the HSP in taking forward the recommendations, unfortunately they cannot attend. The Acting Joint Director of Public Health will present the findings. The DH team has accepted an invitation to a NHS Haringey Board seminar in January and partners from the HSP will be invited along with scrutiny members.

8. Chief Financial Officer Comments**9. Head of Legal Services Comments****10. Head of Procurement Comments –[Required for Procurement Committee]****11. Equalities & Community Cohesion Comments****12. Consultation**

13. Service Financial Comments
14. Use of appendices /Tables and photographs
15. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

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2. Background

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3. Outcome of the visit

For those members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee who were part of the visit you should have received a copy of the presentation. The NSTHI identified a number of strengths relating to leadership and engagement, partnerships (structures and processes), vision and strategy, data, frontline services and community engagement.

A number of areas of good practice were identified from the six workshops and the NSTHI highlighted in particular one from the seasonal excess deaths workshop and asked to share this nationally with other areas.

'Thermal image photography of the whole Borough undertaken a few years ago, and about to be re-done provides a very practical tool for targeting cold housing, and engaging in discussion with residents'

The NSTHI identified the following high level recommendations;

1. Undertake further analysis quantifying the number of lives that need to be saved and assessment of the necessary scale and reach of interventions required to reduce

mortality rates to sustain progress towards the 2010 mortality targets and address inequalities within Haringey.

2. Develop detailed delivery plans informed by the above analysis, equity audit and social marketing.
3. Develop a culture of data and analysis underpinning all strategic and commissioning decisions, as part of a whole systems approach to addressing health inequalities.
4. Establish clear local clinical and practitioner leadership in Cardiovascular Disease (CVD), Stroke, and Cancer.
5. Continue to focus intensively on improving the quality of primary care across the 3 levels of support, and build a partnership approach to case-finding.
6. Take a partnership approach to the development of commissioning groups relating to the contributing factors to health inequalities and the development of improved patient pathways.
7. NHS Haringey should fully integrate its strategic and operational community engagement work internally and with other partners.
8. Continue the development of the Well-Being Partnership Board and the Haringey Strategic Partnership structures in relation to locality working, engagement of the Voluntary Community Services (VCS) and the broader healthy communities' agenda.
9. Ensure specific initiatives are developed and implemented to embed the 'Health is Everyone's Business' approach including introducing Health Gain Schedules.
10. Speedily recruit a new Joint Director of Public Health.

4. Next steps

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5. Recommendations

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