



Meeting: Haringey Strategic Partnership Board

Date: 21 January 2010

Report Title: Outcome of the Department of Health - Health Inequalities National Support Team (HINST) Visit

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Purpose

To provide Board members with the outcome of the visit, progress to date and to give members the opportunity to shape the action plan.

Background

The HINST visited Haringey in October 2009 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 Approach:

The HINST use a number of frameworks to assess whether the borough is doing all it can to improve life expectancy and reduce health inequalities. They are particularly looking for:

- A population focus
- Effectiveness of interventions
- Size and scale in approach

The areas they focus on are orientated towards service provision in the short term and wider determinants in the medium to long term. Given the proximity of March 2011 for the end on the national life expectancy target they are placing particular emphasis on the short term. They looked at:

- Cardiovascular disease secondary prevention
- Cardiovascular disease acute management
- Tobacco control
- Alcohol harm reduction

- Cancer
- Seasonal excess deaths

The HINST want to see triangulation between population health measures, community engagement and frontline health services and this underpins their analysis.

HINST Findings

The Team congratulated the partners on their commitment and passion for this area and found many strengths and areas of good practice relating to leadership and engagement, partnerships: structures and processes, vision and strategy, data, frontline services and community engagement.

The HINST 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.

Progress to Date

- i) 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. However some of the recommendations from the visit have already commenced.
- ii) The outcome of the visit was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11th January 2010 and members identified their continuing contribution to tackling health inequalities which will be part of the action plan.
- iii) NHS Haringey invited the HINST to their Board seminar on 27th January and HSP members and Overview & Scrutiny members have been invited. The session will be interactive to provide further opportunity for partners to shape the action plan and will focus on the HINST;
 - Leading a discussion on the visit recommendations with a particular emphasis on Community Engagement and Cardiovascular Disease Prevention,
 - Sharing their experience and knowledge on how spearhead PCTs Boards and partner organisations have developed their leadership role to integrate health inequalities into the business of their organisation,
 - Sharing their experience and knowledge on leading commissioning to improve health inequalities outcomes.
- iv) Initial discussions have taken place with HAVCO to identify ways to take forward the recommendations relating to community engagement and to link these with the findings from the recent survey and consultation project 'Moving Forward'.
- v) There is an agreement in principle from the Well Being Chairs Executive to establish a Healthier Communities Group and this group will have a role in supporting delivery of the action plan.

Policy Implications

The recommendations may give rise for Board members to spot opportunities to review/amend core function policies that are linked to the health inequalities agenda.

Legal Implications

None identified.

Financial Implications

There will be financial implications in the delivery of the action plan. As much of the activity relates to performance in primary care, this will largely fall on NHS Haringey to deliver. The work on community engagement will need to be resourced.

Recommendation

That members of the HSP give their views on the 'high level recommendations' and the presentation to help shape the action plan.

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