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Title:	Consultation on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012 -2015
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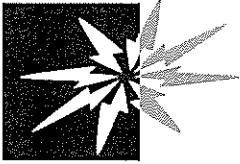
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1. Describe the issue under consideration

In Haringey we have a strong commitment to promoting equality, tackling disadvantage and improving the life chances of our residents. We are currently developing our new Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the borough. This strategy will replace Haringey's Wellbeing Strategic Framework which expired in 2010 and incorporates the health and wellbeing priorities of the Children and Young People's Plan 2011 review.

We are consulting with our local stakeholders, partners and the wider community on the priorities for improving health and wellbeing in Haringey. The consultation runs from **20 September 2011 to 20 January 2012**. The consultation document can be found at Appendix 1 or downloaded from the [strategy webpage](#). Further details on who we consulted and the consultation timescales can be found at Appendix 2 in the Consultation Matrix document.



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Haringey's Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out our commitment and approach to tackling health inequalities and promoting health and wellbeing locally. Our priorities have been set in response to the issues we face, which are most starkly demonstrated by the gap in life expectancy between the east and west of the borough.

Through the implementation of this strategy, we will seek to achieve real and measurable improvements in the health and wellbeing of residents by investing in prevention and early intervention activities, and providing a coordinated approach to ensure that all of our activities contribute towards improving health and reducing inequalities. This strategy will shape the work plan for the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board.

The vision of the strategy is:

A Healthier Haringey

We will reduce health inequalities through working with communities and residents to improve opportunities for adults and children to enjoy a healthy, safe and fulfilling life.

Informed by our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, we have prioritised the delivering of three outcomes to achieve our vision:

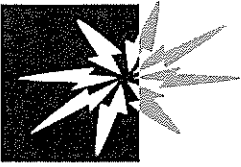
- 1. Every child has the best start in life**
- 2. A reduced gap in life expectancy**
- 3. Improved mental health and wellbeing**

An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) is currently being developed that will consider the equalities implications of implementing the new strategy. The papers from the Cross-party working group on health inequalities outlined in the background information section, have been used to inform the EqIA, as will the consultation responses.

The consultation responses will also be used to produce the final version of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The completed strategy will be launched in March 2012.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

We believe that everyone has the right to enjoy good health. However, many of our residents do not have this opportunity and there are large health inequalities across the borough. Residents in the poorest parts of Haringey are not only more likely to die prematurely but they will also spend a greater proportion of those shorter lives unwell. We understand that to reduce these health inequalities we need to focus not only on health, but also on the wider determining factors of poverty and deprivation.



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We know we face real challenges in overcoming these deep-seated issues, but we must all be ambitious in our thinking and in our desire for change. Through the Health and Wellbeing Board we aim to enhance joint working and fresh approaches. We know it will be increasingly difficult but the benefits are substantial.

We continue to make significant investment in improving health and wellbeing locally and, as a result, we have a lot to be proud of. There has been a reduction in teenage pregnancy; a steady decline in deaths of babies under one year old; women's life expectancy is above the England average; and educational attainment has continued to rise throughout the borough.

This strategy sets out how we want to build on these successes over the next three years, working in partnership across Haringey and moving further towards the goal of good health and wellbeing, something that every resident can aspire to and enjoy.

Good health and wellbeing is in everyone's interest, is everyone's responsibility, and requires everyone to play their part.

3. Recommendations

That Overview and Scrutiny Committee note and respond to the consultation document found in **Appendix 1**.

4. Background information

The **Health and Social Care Bill** was introduced into Parliament on 19 January 2011. It includes provision to strengthen public health services and reform the Department's arm's length bodies and sets out a requirement for local authorities and partner commissioning consortia to prepare a joint strategy for meeting the needs of the area.

Our Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) was used to prioritise how we will deliver the three outcomes. More details about the JSNA and needs assessments can be found on the website at [Our Place](#).

A Cross-party Working Group was set up to recommend priority actions to reduce health inequalities in Haringey. The working group has had four meetings looking at the three strategy outcomes, determining:

- Current baselines and trends.
- The evidence-base for the interventions required to reduce health inequalities
- What we are currently doing



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- Whether the interventions are being delivered effectively
- Any gaps and any service changes that may impact
- The opportunities work across the council to shape existing work and/or funding.

This work has been used to inform the development of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. A final report of this task and finish working group will be produced after its final meeting on November 24th; this will also inform the development of the strategy and delivery plan.

The Overview and Scrutiny review – men’s health: getting to the heart of the matter – is specifically focused on tackling early death of men in the east of the borough. The recommendations from this review will inform delivery of Outcome 2 of this Health and Wellbeing strategy.

5. Comments of the Chief Financial Officer and Financial Implications

The report in itself does not raise any financial implications or pressures however, once the consultation has been completed and options assessed, it will be important for a full assessment to be undertaken to ascertain if there are any new financial implications associated with the delivery of the strategy.

6. Head of Legal Services and Legal Implications

The report in itself does not raise any legal implications however the Cabinet in exercising these powers needs to take into account the views and opinions of users, providers and other stakeholders and to have carried out an extensive consultation and equality impact assessment on these proposals.

7. Equalities and Community Cohesion Comments

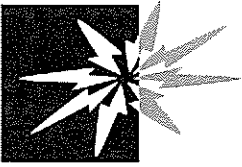
An Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) is currently being undertaken as well as a full review of compliance to the Haringey Compact – Working Better Together. Findings from both of these will be analysed and inform the final strategy.

8. Head of Procurement Comments

N/A

9. Policy Implications

The emerging Health and Wellbeing Strategy is one a range of key documents that contribute to improving the quality of life for everyone in Haringey. Other strategies including the Greenest borough Strategy, the Housing Strategy, and the Regeneration strategy are focussed on the determinants of health.



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Opportunities to exploit the synergies across the different themes will be explored through the shadow Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Children and Young People's Plan (expiring in 2012) is reflected through outcome one of the strategy, '*Every Child has the best start in life*'. This is in response to statutory guidance for Health and Wellbeing Strategies to reflect a joined up approach for adults and children.

The consultation itself does not have any significant policy implications, however once the delivery plan is being developed, a full policy assessment will need to be undertaken to ensure consistency across all of our key strategies.

10. Appendices

Appendix 1: Health and Wellbeing Strategy consultation document

Appendix 2: Health and Wellbeing Strategy consultation matrix

11. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

N/A

