

Briefing note to Parishes Forum 18 June 2015

The Draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2015 - 18

Health and Wellbeing Boards are a key component of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Milton Keynes Health and Wellbeing Board is a Partnership Board comprising members from Milton Keynes Council, Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch, Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisation, Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, CNWL and NHS England. Acting as a key forum for leaders in health and social care the Board ensures an integrated and co-ordinated approach across the NHS, social care and public health services in Milton Keynes. One of their key functions is to ensure a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is agreed.

The Draft Milton Keynes Joint Health and Wellbeing strategy for 2015 - 2018 places the community at the heart of our commissioning intentions to improve health and wellbeing and to reduce health inequalities for our population.

The draft strategy is based on the key findings outlined in the recently refreshed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). It builds upon the achievements of the first strategy (2012-2015) as well as recognising some of the challenges faced and outlines how we can work together to address these.

A proposal to use a life course approach to the strategy has been presented to a number of stakeholders, including local communities in Bletchley. This proposal has been supported overall and the three priorities are:

- Starting well: Giving every child the best chance in life
- Living well: Working with communities to live longer and healthier lives
- Ageing well: Improving outcomes for older people

Feedback also recommended that mental health and Milton Keynes the place are not separate priorities but are incorporated within starting well, living well and ageing well.

The draft strategy will be presented to and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 25 June.

Public Health will present the strategy to the Parishes Forum on 17 September and look at ways in which the Parishes can contribute to the delivery of the strategy.

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