

## Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-15

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### **Purpose of Report:**

This report summarises the work undertaken so far to produce a three year Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Milton Keynes and the consultation process that has taken place. It is recommended that the Milton Keynes Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board ratifies the strategy which identifies the strategic priorities for the commissioning and delivery of health and council services to improve health and wellbeing. Furthermore, the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to recommend that the strategy be adopted by the Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group Board and the Milton Keynes Council Cabinet.

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 A key task of a Health and Wellbeing Board is to develop a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 states that upper tier local authorities and their partner clinical commissioning groups must: review local health and wellbeing needs through the production of a joint strategic needs assessment; and develop a shared strategy in the form of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Furthermore, both organisations must have regard to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy in exercising their functions. This will be particularly applicable to the formation of strategic commissioning decisions.

## **2. Key Issues**

- 2.1 At its inaugural meeting in December 2011 the Milton Keynes Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to establish a Strategy Development Group to undertake the task of producing a three year strategy. It was envisaged that this would be in place for when the statutory health and wellbeing board was formed in 2013.
- 2.2 Between January and May 2012 a draft strategy was developed, informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment 2011/12, the Public Health Report 2010/11, the MK Social Atlas 2011 and the Child Poverty Commission report 2012. These sources provided the evidence for the emerging priority areas within the strategy. Three priority areas were identified:
  1. Improve wellbeing
  2. Reduce early deaths and tackle major diseases
  3. Reduce health inequalities

Nine strategic objectives have been developed to meet the priority areas, with a view that they will be delivered between 2012 and 2015. These are:

Objective 1 Support and motivate the people of Milton Keynes to engage in healthier lifestyles

Objective 2 Improve access to, and quality of, mental health promotion and services

Objective 3 Engage with communities and work with them to build on their strengths

Objective 4 Reduce early deaths from coronary heart disease, cancer, diabetes, lung disease and other long term conditions

Objective 5 Reduce accidents and injuries for both old (over 65 years) and young (under 5 years)

Objective 6 Reduce unnecessary hospital admissions

Objective 7 Reduce poverty

Objective 8 Promote equitable employment opportunities

Objective 9 Meet the needs of vulnerable adults and children

It is also relevant to state that the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy has not been developed in isolation, nor is it intended to be implemented in that way. It clearly links to, and complements, other strategies already in place and under development e.g. the housing strategy, the economic regeneration strategy, the strategic plan for the Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group, the Milton Keynes Council Corporate Plan etc.

2.3 The MK Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to a ninety day public consultation at its meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2012. During this period 32 responses were received from the online consultation that has taken place. In addition the following committee/group meetings have been attended to provide background information, a summary of the strategy and to request feedback:

MK Clinical Commissioning Group Shadow Board; Children and Young People's Select Committee; MK Youth Conference; MK Disabilities Action Group; MK Youth Cabinet; Civil Society Organisations reference groups; Adult Health and Social Care Select Committee; Responsible Authorities Group.

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing board also met in June to hold a special consultation event.

The nature of the responses have ranged from unequivocal support to requests for additional specific areas to be included. Examples are: specific neurological conditions; increased attention to mental health issues; sexual health promotion. There were no dissenting responses in respect of the identified priorities and objectives.

The two respective Milton Keynes Council select committees, for children and young people and health and adult social care, resolved to establish a review

group to scrutinise any changes to the strategy resulting from the consultation process.

- 2.4 Following the closure of the consultation period the Strategy Development Group has met, considered received responses and amended the strategy where appropriate. The final draft is now available as Annex A.
- 2.5 Subject to agreement by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board, adoption of the strategy will be recommended to: the Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group Shadow Board at its meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2012; and the Milton Keynes Council Cabinet at its meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- 2.6 It is further recommended that the implementation of the strategy will be developed through its clear linkages to other strategies and commissioning plans. The Milton Keynes Health and Wellbeing Board will have oversight of the implementation and will establish specific groups for this process. These groups will be tasked with driving forward the requirements to fulfil the strategic objectives. Key to this will be an understanding and alignment to the commissioning plans of the Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group and Milton Keynes Council, including education, transport, housing, social care etc.

### **3. Recommendations**

That the Milton Keynes Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board ratifies the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-15

That the adoption of the strategy be recommended to Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group

That the adoption of the strategy be recommended to Milton Keynes Council Cabinet

That the Milton Keynes Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board establish specific groups to oversee and progress the implementation of the strategy