



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 13 JUNE 2013

UPDATE FROM THE STAYING HEALTHY BOARD

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress within the Staying Healthy Board on a review of the membership and format of the Staying Healthy Board and support for the development of a Staying Healthy Commissioning Executive.

Background

2. The Staying Healthy Board has responsibility for the delivery of the following priorities in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy:-
 - (i) Maintaining or increasing the number of children and adults who are a healthy weight through the provision of a range of healthy weight interventions and the promotion of physical activity and healthy eating.
 - (ii) Reducing the harm caused by alcohol and drugs
 - (iii) Improving sexual health services for the Leicestershire population.
 - (iv) Further reducing smoking prevalence by preventing people from starting to smoke and helping people stop smoking.
 - (v) Reducing the number of people who die prematurely from cancer.
3. Additionally, at the recent meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board steering group it was agreed that the Staying Healthy Board would be the most appropriate sub-group for co-ordinating and delivering the mental health priorities in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Current position

4. The terms of reference for the Staying Healthy Board state that the Staying Healthy Board will manage resources to commission a range of services and interventions to achieve the Board's strategic priorities. The use of these resources will drive a genuinely collaborative approach to commissioning and service delivery.
5. Staying Healthy has recognised that the appropriate governance arrangements are not in place for the Board to manage resources. Given that the current Board membership is large, loose, with some areas represented better than others and also includes representatives from provider organisations, it would not be appropriate for the Staying Healthy Board in its current format to have this responsibility.

Proposal for Staying Health commissioning executive

6. There remains a role within the Staying Healthy Board as a forum for sharing and developing ideas to improve the health of the population and reduce health inequalities. It is seen as desirable that the Staying Healthy Board continues that function and that a Commissioning Executive is developed to undertake the management of resources.
7. The Commissioning Executive would need a smaller, fixed membership consisting of representatives of relevant commissioning organisations. If the Health and Wellbeing Board supports this as a direction of travel, terms of reference, including membership, will be developed for approval at the next meeting. It is proposed that meetings of the Staying Healthy board comprise an executive meeting followed by a broader networking forum.
8. At the June meeting of the Staying Healthy Board the action plans developed for staying healthy in response to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy were considered. This enabled a fuller consideration of the resources available to Staying Healthy to commission activity against the priorities. This mapping will inform the membership of the commissioning executive and set out areas where greater integration is both possible and desirable.

Resource Implications

9. The requirements for a Commissioning Executive will need to be met from within existing resources.

Equal Opportunities Implications

10. One of the key priorities of the Staying Healthy Board is to reduce Health Inequalities.

Partnership Working Implications

11. The Staying Healthy Board is a multi-agency partnership comprising officers from Public Health, the County Council, District Councils, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Provider Trusts and the Voluntary Sector.

Recommendation

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to support the direction of travel for the Staying Healthy Board.

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