North Yorkshire County Council

North Yorkshire Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

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Developing Our Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Report of the Corporate Director – Health and Adult Services

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report seeks to achieve improved health and wellbeing outcomes for the local communities, Health and wellbeing boards will have a new duty to develop a joint health and wellbeing strategy based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 JSNAs will be the means by which local leaders work together to understand and agree the needs of all local people, with the joint health and wellbeing strategy setting the priorities for collective action. Taken together they will be the pillars of local decision making, focussing leaders on the priorities for action and providing the evidence base for decisions about local services. The ambition is for health and wellbeing boards to go further than analysis of common problems and to develop deep and productive partnerships that develop solutions to these commissioning challenges, rather than just commenting on what those problems and challenges are.
- 2.2 Following on from the progress report on the JSNA, Seamus Breen will lead a discussion to inform the development of the Board's first health and wellbeing strategy covering the challenges the HWB wants to address and a sense of early priorities for each of the organisations on the HWB.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The draft guidance document from the Department of Health sets out some values that underpin good joint health and wellbeing strategies:
 - Setting shared priorities based on evidence of greatest need
 - Setting out a clear rationale for the locally agreed priorities and also hat that means for the other needs identified in JSNAs and how they will be handled with an outcomes focus

- Not trying to solve everything, but taking a strategic overview on how to address the key issues identified in JSNAs, including tackling the worst inequalities
- Concentrate on an achievable amount prioritisation is difficult but important to maximise resources and focus on issues where the greatest outcomes can be achieved
- Addressing issues through joint working across the local system and also describing what individual services will do to tackle priorities
- Supporting increased choice and control by people who use services with independence, prevention and integration at the heart of such support.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 The Board is invited to discuss its views on the priorities for inclusion in the first Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

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Background document: Department of Health JSNAs and joint health and wellbeing strategies – draft guidance