

North Yorkshire County Council

Scrutiny of Health Committee

Friday, 14 June 2013

North Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Statement from Corporate Director NYCC Health and Adult Services

Statement

1. As Corporate Director with the statutory role of Director of Adult Services I have a shared responsibility in law to ensure North Yorkshire County Council with its partners completes, on behalf of the Health and Well-being Board, an assessment of the health and social care needs of the population of North Yorkshire through the JSNA. This has been completed to a very good standard and is in the public domain on North Yorkshire's website. It had two elements to it: a great deal of data and a strong representation of the voice of communities captured through a series of workshops.
2. However having a picture of the needs of our community is not enough. The follow up task was to produce, again on behalf of the Health and Well-being Board, a Health and Well-being Strategy. Once again we held a series of workshops across the county sharing with communities what the JSNA high-lighted as the key health and well-being issues in our communities and then asking the community for views on their priorities. After a number of iterations and reviews this was formally signed off by the Health and Well-being Board on the 29th of May 2013.
3. Our Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy high-lights the big challenges arising from rurality, an aging population; deprivation in our communities and the tighter public sector finances. It pays attention to some of the killer diseases having a major impact on our community's health and the importance of emotional health and well-being paying attention to issues such as loneliness and isolation. The document is available via links to our health and well-being board.
4. We are now embarking on the next phase and each partner on the health and well-being board is bringing back their action plan to assist the board to deliver on its health and well-being priorities. To date Health and Adult Services, Public health and Harrogate and Rural CCG have brought their plans to the Board and others will follow at the next meeting. Copies can be made available to the committee as and when required.

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