

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

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Title	FENLAND HEALTH AND WELL BEING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

1. PURPOSE/SUMMARY

The main purpose is to provide an update on the progress of the Fenland Health and Well Being partnership since it was refreshed following the changes created by the Health and Social Care Act (2012).

2. KEY ISSUES

2.1 The Health and Well-Being Partnership in its refreshed form brings together a range of new partners that have not worked together as a partnership previously.

2.2 There is need to develop a shared language and culture to develop collaborative working between these partners

2.3 The Partnership will be key to making improvements to the Health and Well- Being of the people of Fenland

2.4 There is an immediate challenge for Task and Finish Groups to implement joint projects

3. RECOMMENDATION(S)

To consider and discuss the progress of the Fenland Health and Well Being Partnership

Wards Affected	All
Forward Plan Reference No. (if applicable)	N/A
Portfolio Holder(s)	
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Background Paper(s)	

1. BACKGROUND / INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Cambridgeshire Health and Well-Being Board and Strategy

The Fenland Health and Well-Being Partnership is part of the wider Cambridgeshire Health and Well-Being Network which links to the Cambridgeshire Health and Well-Being Board

Since its inception the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has been meeting in Shadow form, but at its next meeting in April it will become a statutory committee. The review of the county Board's work over the past year concluded that significant progress had been made in developing the Board and Network and delivering key aspects of its workplan. The fact that the Board will become a committee of the County Council, along with the learning from the last year has been reflected in a revised terms of Reference.

The Chairman of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board is Councillor Steve Tierney.

A Health and Well Being Strategy has been produced and progress is being made in action planning for the Strategy. The Board has acknowledged the work and leadership contributed by a range of partner agencies to the Strategy.

The Fenland Health and Well Being Partnership has the Health and Well Board and Health and Well Being Strategy as standing items on its meeting agendas reflecting the value placed on good communication between the Health and Well-Being Board and the wider Network

2. Health and Well Being Partnership Update

The Fenland Health and Well Being Partnership has been meeting quarterly throughout the past year. During this time the Partnership has worked to secure the engagement of a wide range of partners. It has initiated communication and increased collaboration across partners and is starting to facilitate joint working across new and existing health and well-being activities.

2.1 Partnership Infrastructure

The new Partnership was launched in March 2012 with a revised membership that brought together for the first time local GP commissioners with other non-health partners. This first meeting focused upon the presentation and discussion of the health and well-being needs in Fenland. Key issues and challenges were identified that informed the agreement of the Partnership's priorities. Terms of reference and reporting accountabilities were established.

The Partnership has worked hard to secure wide-ranging representation i.e.

Cllr Steve Tierney representing the Health and Well Being Board

Adrian Loades, Executive Director, Cambridgeshire County Council representing the Health and Well Being Board

GP representation from the 4 Local Commissioning Groups (LCGs): Isle of Ely, Wisbech, Hunts Care Partners and Borderline.

Cambridgeshire County Council Public Health, Adult Social Care and Children's Services

Fenland District Council (FDC) includes Member representation including Portfolio holders for Health and Well Being and Children and Young People, Corporate Directors and leads for key areas

Healthwatch

GP Practice Patient representatives

Head teacher

2.2. Partnership Priorities

The following priorities have been identified by the Partnership based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and partner information

1. Prevention of ill health
 - Establish a strategic focus upon prevention
 - Identify a number of local priorities where joint action can prevent ill health.
2. Engage the local population
 - Increase the engagement of Fenland residents in their communities and support them to take responsibility for their own health
3. Increase and Improve Communication
 - Avoid duplication of communications and improve the knowledge of health
 - professionals and the public about available services
 - Provide communities with appropriate information about current services
4. Increase the effectiveness of services
 - Improve the integration of actions across a wider range of organisations i.e. health, non-health, statutory and voluntary organisations.

2.3 Addressing the Priorities

Over the past year the Partnership has received a range of presentations on a number of topics and organisations that included the Local Commissioning Groups, the Drug and Alcohol Team, the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (CCC), FDC's Core Planning Strategy, Cambridgeshire County Council Children's and Adult Services, Housing Related Support (CCC). This enabled the Partnership to review a range of current issues and initiatives to identify where collaborative working could be targeted to meet the priorities.

It was agreed that there were many existing health and well-being issues that were already being addressed in Fenland. However the key aim of the Partnership is to provide "added value" to health and well-being initiatives. A key challenge for the Partnership was to identify a small number of focused areas where the Partnership could bring added value and support the delivery of positive outcomes in the priority areas.

A task and finish group is now being set up to take forward focused work on alcohol with prevention targeting lifestyles and an older people task group is also being considered.

2.4 Challenges

The partnership brings together for the first time a diverse range of agencies that have previously not worked together. The legal changes that have driven the new Health and Well-Being Partnership provide an opportunity to create new collaborative and innovative ways of working that will have a positive effect on the health and Well-Being of the Fenland communities.

The challenge for the Partnership is to facilitate and support the early signs of collaborative working and to ensure that Partners continue to actively engage with the Partnership and work together to deliver improvements

3. COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 3.1 The Fenland Health and Well-being Partnership is still in development but by bringing together a wide range of partners it is able to address key health and well-being issues in Fenland