

Cambridge Local Health Partnership

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Agreeing Our Priorities

Purpose of Paper

The partnership has agreed its terms of reference, setting out a vision for what it wants to achieve for the citizens of Cambridge, and started to define some short-term work that it can progress. It also identified a number of issues for Cambridge, based on local evidence and practice, when responding to the consultation about the draft Health and Well-being Strategy. This strategy has been adopted and is in place and actions are being developed to cover its priority areas.

It now seems the time for the Partnership to set out its own actions, in support of the strategy, so that it can help shape future work and identify its contribution. One important principle of the Partnership has been to avoid duplication of effort and to add value, where it can, with any action. It will also be important to be flexible, so that if issues within the priority areas arise, the Partnership can respond.

Short-term Actions for the Partnership

The short-term work of the Partnership seems to be to:

1. Improve the flow of information and the quality of communication between local GP's and local Housing Officers, so that people presenting can receive a service appropriate to their needs.
2. Look at how the "Aging Well" initiative, including Community Navigators, can be best supported in Cambridge, taking advantage of the existing networks and support available.
3. Assess local provision for mental health services, taking into account work carried out by the county Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and to help improve local service delivery.

Q. Are these the right actions in the short-term?

Longer-term Actions for the Partnership

At the outset the Partnership agreed that it would take on a limited number of actions to ensure its work remained focused and to enable it to make a difference. It could be that the short-term actions are sufficiently robust to carry over a 3-year period. Members may, however, wish to supplement these, using evidence that is available.

The Summary JSNA 2012 report, that accompanied the developing Health and Well-being Strategy, identified the following issues for Cambridge:

- Local inequalities in health,
- Mental health needs,
- Homeless people and maintaining a focus on prevention,
- Alcohol related harm,
- Smoking,
- Lack of physical activity and obesity.

The six priorities set out in Cambridgeshire's Health and Well-being Strategy are:

- Ensure a positive start for children and young people,
- Support older people to be independent, safe and well,
- Encourage healthy lifestyles and behaviours in all actions and activities while respecting people's personal choices
- Create a safe environment and help to build strong communities, wellbeing and mental health,
- Create a sustainable environment in which communities can flourish and
- Work together effectively.

Members are asked to:

1. Give initial views on the actions for the Partnership that will rest alongside the priorities in Cambridgeshire's Health and Well-being Strategy and developing action plan,
2. Agree to Cambridge Local Health Partnership's priorities and actions being set out in a summary document that can be shared amongst partners and the wider network.