

**Sent on behalf of Roger Gough, Chair of Kent Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board**

Dear Colleague

**Draft Kent Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

As you are aware, the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) are two of the main duties of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board, as both of these documents will form the basis of commissioning plans in both health and social care.

At the last meeting of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board, we looked at and discussed an early version of the Kent JHWS. We agreed at that meeting that we would circulate an updated version (reflecting the comments made during the discussions) to the Health and Wellbeing Board and its wider membership, for further comment. I am pleased to share with you for consultation the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Kent. This consultation document sets out the key priorities and outcomes that the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board propose to focus on over the next 3 years. We are now seeking your views on whether we are focussing on the right issues for Kent and if we are taking the right approach to tackle them. Also included is some supporting information and a copy of the survey that we would like you to complete online at, through the following link:

[http://www.kent.gov.uk/health\\_and\\_wellbeing/joint\\_health\\_and\\_wellbeing\\_str.aspx](http://www.kent.gov.uk/health_and_wellbeing/joint_health_and_wellbeing_str.aspx)

We are consulting on this document with key partners in health, local government and beyond in late August/early September. We will be taking those views into account and feeding back to the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board at its September meeting, before undertaking wider consultation during the autumn of 2012 and the final version of the Strategy will be published in December 2012. The wider consultation on the JHWS will take place alongside the development of the CCG Commissioning plans for 2013/14.

This will not be your only opportunity to comment on the development of the JHWS; you will be able to further comment during the wider engagement phase in the autumn. We will also engage directly with various partners such as clinicians to ensure that we fully capture their views.

We want to hear your views on our proposals and you can have your say by completing the online survey. I would be grateful if you could send in your comments by the consultation deadline of the 12<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

I shall look forward to receiving your comments.

**Roger Gough**

Chair of Kent Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board