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Recommendations

Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to receive this paper for INFORMATION to help inform ongoing development of our local JSNA and Health and Wellbeing Strategy

1. Introduction

- 1.1 On the 5th December 2011 the Department of Health published the document 'Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and joint health and wellbeing strategies explained'
- 1.2 This short paper summarises the content; the full document is attached.
- 1.3 The paper also sets out the national recommended timeline for the refresh of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and development of local Health and wellbeing strategies.

2. Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and H&WB Strategies

- 2.1 It is expected that emerging Health and Wellbeing Boards will now be jointly beginning to refresh the JSNAs and beginning to develop H&WB Strategies.
- 2.2 The Department of Health plan to further support this process through:
 - Development of statutory guidance on JSNA and H&WB Strategies and
 - Work with partners to develop resources to support the development and effective use of JSNAs and joint H&WB Strategies.
- 2.3 This statutory guidance is due to be published in January 2012 in draft form but will not be formally published until following the Health and Social Care Bill receiving Royal Assent.
- 2.4 The DoH have also set up a National Learning Network for health and wellbeing boards to develop knowledge and behaviours that enable them to work more effectively to deliver their shared purpose

- 2.5 The paper also sets out the context from the vision set out in Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS¹
- 2.6 The three key messages are as follows:
1. Health and Wellbeing Boards
‘The health and well being board provides an opportunity to build upon good practice (the best JSNAs have been those undertaken collaboratively through strong and collaborative partnerships at all levels) in taking existing JSNAs further so enabling the transformation of services through collaborative leadership and the development of a joint health and wellbeing strategy’.
 2. ‘The H&WB Strategy supports the Health and Wellbeing Board to take the step from assessing needs and available assets to planning and delivery of integrated services and collectively addressing the underlying determinants of health and wellbeing. In this way the JSNA and joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy combined form the basis for local decisions that drive service change such as investment and disinvestment in services according to local needs and engagement in the local community’.
 3. ‘The joint health and wellbeing strategy is a unique opportunity for the health and wellbeing board members to explore together the local issues they have not managed to tackle on their own’
- 2.7 In assessing needs and priorities the H&WB Board should adopt an ‘outcomes based approach’ and could be the place where the three national outcomes frameworks come together
- 2.8 The paper also describes commissioning and service provision as a priority
- 2.9 Finally, but not least the paper describes the duty to involve users and the public in the development of both the JSNA and the joint health and wellbeing strategy and pay due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty.

3. Timeline

- 3.1 The document also sets out indicative timings for Health and Wellbeing boards which suggests completion of JSNAs by April to inform Health and Wellbeing strategies by May; in time for Clinical Commissioning Groups and Local Authorities to begin planning for the financial year 2013 to 2014.

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4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Given the above points the H&WB Board will need to consider the local development of both the JSNA and H&WB Strategy