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To: Health and Wellbeing Board

Subject: Kent Health and Wellbeing Strategy

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Recommendations

Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to receive the draft H&WB Strategy and consider the questions laid out in this coversheet

1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the last H&WB Board it was agreed to begin work on the Kent Health and Wellbeing strategy with the aim to have an early draft in advance of an agreed Shadow Health and Wellbeing strategy for the financial year 2012 to 2013 by March 2012.
- 1.2 The Board agreed a fuller strategy would then be developed in time for the next commissioning round which, at the time, we envisaged to be around October 2012.

2. Progress

- 2.1 Attached is progress that has been made since the last meeting with a substantial amount of work done on the health inequalities in the Kent population element; including both the strategy and an implementation or delivery plan. The document builds upon some of the Kent County Council work provided by Prof Chris Bentley who led the National Health Inequalities Service team (HINST) which worked with 'spearhead' PCTs to reduce health inequalities. Whilst within the national timeframe, spearheads were not able to show appreciable reduction; the view is that these reductions will be there by this year. Hence the 'Christmas Tree Model' being promoted as a tool the all commissioners and providers should be using to test how balanced their services are. The county has further engaged the expertise of Chris Bentley in helping to develop the implementation plan.
- 2.2 Less information has been populated for the two disease areas the H&WB Board previously articulated; however further work on both areas is being undertaken by the relevant commissioners on teams with sessions arranged to populate the document.

3. Questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board

3.1 Is the strategy, albeit in this stage of draft development, along the lines members of the Board envisage?

3.2 Given the Department of Health publication on JSNA and Health and Wellbeing strategies is it appropriate to produce a shadow draft Kent Health and Wellbeing strategy by March when guidance suggests the full strategy needs to be developed by May 2012? (Following the January meeting of the H&WB Board; there are only two more Board meetings before May 2012).

There is also an expectation is that public (and partner) consultation on the JSNA and H&WB Strategy will need to be held before they can be finally agreed.

3.3 The Board will need to consider the style the Health and Wellbeing strategy should take; the document currently lifts some information directly from the JSNA which in itself contains language that is not public facing or user friendly. Do members of the Board agree?

3.4 The substantial element of the strategy, in my opinion includes both prevention and reduction in health inequalities and, at this stage is more or less encapsulated in the Health inequalities action plan; should the strategy separately cover prevention?

3.5 Integrated Commissioning has also been discussed as a priority, however this is a process or means to an end rather than an area that needs to be addressed directly in the Health and Wellbeing strategy. Is this agreed?