

**From:** Cllr Michael Cloughton, Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board

**To:** Kent Health and Wellbeing Board – 19 November 2014

**Subject:** Progress Report from the Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board

### **Introduction**

The Ashford HWB have already identified key priorities which have been based on local needs namely dementia, obesity and mental health. The Board is also active in supporting the development of our community networks and recent stakeholder engagement session has again identified mental health as a top priority. Obesity was the focus of our most recent Board meeting. The Ashford HWB forward plan currently includes Mental Health/Dementia Action Plan (January 2015), Independent Living & Self Management for those with Long-term Conditions and Falls Prevention (April 2015) and Sustainable Development for Health & Wellbeing (July 2015). It is important that these positive actions are noted and also we wish highlight the need for further granularity of the local information which will be discussed at the future LOG meeting.

### LOG Report to the Ashford's Health & Wellbeing Board (Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> October)

#### Local Implementation of the Kent Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

1. The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board at its last meeting considered the final draft of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. One of the recommendations agreed was that the strategy should be used to engage with the public at a local level in order to stimulate discussion and understanding about the changes that will inevitably occur as integration gathers pace and services are moved out of hospitals and into the community. Local health and wellbeing boards were charged with ensuring that the strategy would be reflected in all public engagement activities planned by partner organisations and that meaningful engagement on the issues involved was being undertaken. If this is not the case then plans should be made to address any gaps. Local health and wellbeing board should report back to the November meeting of the Kent Board on this process.
2. A second recommendation agreed by the Kent Board requires the local Health and Wellbeing Boards to ensure local plans demonstrate how the priorities, approaches and outcomes of the Strategy will be implemented at local levels and report this assurance to the Kent Board in November 2014. Again, if any gaps are identified actions to remedy these deficiencies should be taken.
3. The LOG briefly discussed these requirements and agreed that a dedicated meeting is required to:
  - a) study Public Health's recently produced Assurance Framework that provides the direction of travel for Ashford against the indicators in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
  - b) discuss what further action is required;
  - c) agree how best to capture local interpretation of the Kent priorities; and

d) identify gaps in engaging and communicating with local people.

The voluntary sector and Health Watch are key to such discussion and relevant Board members have been invited to attend this meeting.

4. All lead partners have been asked to collate relevant information in readiness. The meeting is scheduled for November just before the Kent Board, allowing Ashford's representative to report as requested. Feedback from the Kent Board will help the LOG report on gaps to the Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting in January.

The AHWB is asked to:

- Note the LOG's need to meet to respond to the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board's request to evidence local engagement and implementation of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- Authorise the Ashford representative to report on outcomes at the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in November; and
- Agree for a report to come to the Board in January on the above.