

**HSP HEALTH AND WELL-BEING THEMATIC GROUP – ANNUAL SCRUTINY
REPORT (FOR 2012-13)**

REPORT BY THE HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide background information to Members - summarising the changes affecting the Huntingdonshire Health & Wellbeing Group (HHWB) in the last year and the activities of the partnership.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Huntingdonshire Health and Wellbeing Group (HHWB) was set up in 2008-9 originally; as part of the Huntingdonshire Strategic Partnership. It was part of the delivery mechanism for 'Huntingdonshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2028: Growing Our Communities'. In 2011-12 it was integrated into the newly developed Cambridgeshire Health & Wellbeing network; as part of the delivery mechanism for what would become Cambridgeshire Health & Wellbeing Board (from 1 April 2013).
- 2.2 The purpose of the Group was originally to reduce health inequalities, encourage individuals to choose healthy lifestyles, prevent accidents and increase opportunities for vulnerable people to live independently. In 2012-13 the group formally became part of the shadow-Health & Wellbeing Board's network for Cambridgeshire.
- 2.2 The priorities set for Huntingdonshire have historically been based on evidence of need derived from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, the Huntingdonshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2028 and the Health Inequalities Strategy. More recently the priorities have been influenced by the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-17 and the Huntingdonshire community's priorities within 'Huntingdonshire Matters'.
- 2.3 In addition to the strategic links between HHWB and the Cambridgeshire Health & Wellbeing Board there remain strategic links to the Huntingdonshire Children and Young Peoples Partnership, the Huntingdonshire Community Safety Partnership and local Commissioning Groups.

3. THE ROLE OF THE GROUP WITHIN COUNTY ARRANGEMENTS

- 3.1 The main change during 2012 has been the evolution of the role of the Group within the shadow-arrangements for the Cambridgeshire Health & Wellbeing Board, and associated network. Part of the planning of the network included "hubs" that would have a key role in shaping health and wellbeing interventions operationally on the ground, working on both a geographic and

thematic basis. The district “hubs” became known, to the Shadow Board, as Local Health Partnerships. In October 2011 there were four (4) of these groups established and by July 2012 the groups have evolved and there are now five (5); one in each district. HHWB Group is now the local health partnership (LHP) for Huntingdonshire; an evolution of the existing group rather than a reinvention.

4. PRIORITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2012-13

- 4.1 The priorities of the group have remained broadly unchanged since 2008 but in November 2012 it was agreed by the ‘Huntingdonshire Matters’ Board that the priority actions for Older People, being delivered by ‘Huntingdonshire Matters’ delivery groups, would be noted within the Huntingdonshire HHWB’s action plan to allow on-going monitoring of progress.
- 4.2 The HHWB Action Plan is appended (Appendix 1) to this report to demonstrate both the volume of activities undertaken and the progress made during 2012. In addition a narrative review of 2012 has been appended (Appendix 2).
- 4.3 As part of the evolution of the Health & wellbeing Boards; Public Health England is set to monitor achievement of some outcomes. The Public Health Outcomes Framework *Healthy lives, healthy people: Improving outcomes and supporting transparency* sets out a vision for public health, desired outcomes and indicators. The profile (Nov 2012) presents data for the first set of indicators at England and upper tier local authority levels (Cambridgeshire), collated by the public health observatories in England. Some indicators can be broken down to district level, (but not many) those indicators that are available for Huntingdonshire are shown in Appendix 3. The Terms of reference for HHWB are included as Appendix 4.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 This last year has seen considerable change to the membership of Huntingdonshire Health and Well-being Group. During the year negotiating on-going funding to sustain some activities has been a challenge, in an environment where some commissioning-bodies were being dissolved and others created. In 2013-14 there may be more funding changes as some of the commissioning agreements are pending the bedding-in of arrangements, funding provided for 2013-14 only.
- 5.2 The group has continued to address the agreed priorities but has also been open to including/considering the emerging priorities of other groups/activity-streams, during this time of change.
- 5.3 The National Indicator set show that Huntingdonshire is well placed in terms of the health of the population as a whole. Where there are issues there are actions in hand; either within the Community Safety Action Plan (e.g. violent crime as it relates to domestic violence.) or the Health and Wellbeing Action Plan. The exception to this is the conception-rate of girls under 18 years of age in Huntingdon North Ward. This has been an action for 5 years but the intervention has not generated the desired impact. Interventions have therefore been suspended pending further research.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Panel Members are requested to note the content of this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Huntingdonshire's Sustainable Community Strategy 2008-2028: Growing Our Communities

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being), 7 February 2012-
"Huntingdonshire Health and Wellbeing Group"

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Social Well-Being), 4 January 2011-
"Huntingdonshire Health and Wellbeing Partnership"