

Consultation on the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Introduction

The consultation on the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy commenced on 18th August 2014 and has been sent by email and post to over 800 recipients, yielding approximately a 5% response rate. The consultation has also been listed on Ask Warwickshire and promoted via social media.

Ongoing Engagement

As part of the consultation process, a workshop was held with Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) Members and active observers in order to gain the views of key stakeholders in terms of partner responsibility and action planning.

Progress on the consultation has been reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board, Adults, Children and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the sub-committees of the Health and Wellbeing Board (WCC-CCG Leads and District and Borough Health Portfolio Holders).

Analysis to date

Initial analysis has been carried out on the responses to the online questionnaire as well as the comments gained in the workshop.

The online consultation included closed and open ended questions, which has allowed quantitative and qualitative analysis.

Quantitative analysis has revealed that:

- 72.5% of respondents agree that the strategy is heading in the right direction
- 85% of respondents agree that Promoting Independence is an appropriate priority
- 85% of respondents agree that Community Resilience is an appropriate priority
- 85% of respondents agree that Integration and Working Together is an appropriate priority
- 48% of respondents think that the roles and responsibilities of partner organisations involved in delivering the strategy are clearly outlined in the strategy

Further analysis has been carried out on the open ended text responses, and the following four emerging themes have been identified:

1. How will the Strategy be delivered and monitored
2. For the responsibilities of the HWBB and partners to be identified more clearly and explicitly
3. Linkages to the JSNA review process need to be more explicit and more usage of the evidence is needed
4. The role of the Strategy and the HWBB in assuring the appropriate use of resources

These themes also emerged during the workshop.

The suggested roles of the HWBB have been:

- To align strategy and/or budget decisions with the objectives identified in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Promote integration where it makes sense
- To provide a forum where agencies in Warwickshire can focus on reducing health inequalities
- To ensure the creation of a co-production forum to capitalise on knowledge and best practice of partners
- To prepare Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies
- To encourage integrated working between health and social care commissioners, including providing advice, assistance or other support to encourage arrangements under section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (i.e. lead commissioning, pooled budgets, and/or integrated provision) in connection with the provision of health and social care services
- Encourage close working between commissioners of health-related services and the HWBB
- To encourage close working between commissioners of health-related services (such as housing and many other local government services) and commissioners of health and social care services

Recommendations

1. The Board are asked to agree with roles and responsibilities for the HWBB are included in the Strategy
2. The Board is asked to identify a system for monitoring, KPIs and actions against the Strategy
3. The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be updated to include more clear links to the priorities identified in the JSNA and evidence reviews
4. Board Members are asked to ensure that they provide a response to the consultation