

Devon Health and Wellbeing

Produced on behalf of Devon Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

“Committed to promoting health equality”

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This briefing paper is the first of a series of regular briefings that can be used as a basis for Board Members to update stakeholders on the latest developments in the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Shadow Board

A Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board for Devon has now been established, which consists of Members and Officers from Devon County Council, Devon’s Director of Public Health, District Council Leaders and Officers, representatives from the two Clinical Commissioning Groups, and representatives from LINK Devon and the Joint Engagement Board from the voluntary and community sector. From next April when it becomes a statutory board, the LINK Devon representative will be replaced by a member of the local Healthwatch, and the membership will also include a representative from the NHS Commissioning Board. It will also work in partnership with Devon’s Safeguarding Children’s and Adults’ Boards, which will manage Devon’s safeguarding priority issues.

The Devon Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board is ‘committed to promoting health equality’. It will seek to achieve this by providing systematic leadership to bring about more integrated commissioning, which aligns resources and focuses on preventive approaches as much as treatment and care. The Shadow Board members are proposing to address a small number of priorities based on a set of clear principles.

Two workshops have now taken place, which have enabled the board to set out its broad priorities and principles as a basis for consultation.

The suggested principles that underpin the Shadow Boards work are:

- Outcome focussed; measurable, achievable, focussed and targeted
- Sustainable; providing efficiencies and savings over the medium to long term
- Preventive; promoting early recognition and intervention
- Cross-cutting; requiring collaborative working
- Evidence-based; producing effective impacts
- Informed; drawing on a range of data and people’s views

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Priorities

Analysis of the Devon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has identified the following areas to which the Shadow Board feels it can 'add value' to the health and wellbeing experiences of local people:

Children & Families (0-15)	Adolescents & Young Adults (15-25)	Older Adults (25-75)	Older People (75+)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Poverty• Abuse & Sexual Violence• Troubled families• Pre-school educational outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transition• Contraception and Sexual Health• Alcohol• Educational outcomes• Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Screening• Exercise/physical activity/healthy eating/smoking• Hypertension• Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Falls• Dementia• Carers support• Living environments• Social isolation

The Board welcomes the views of all its stakeholders, partners and public, about whether these are the right principles and priorities.

Comments can be e-mailed to louise.raymond@devon.gov.uk, and will be included as part of the development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Devon.

Partnerships

The Board has also started to consider the range of partnerships and networks that will work alongside it, and a stakeholder map will be produced shortly to illustrate these.

Engagement

The Board is committed to engaging stakeholders in the process, and ensuring a cohesive message is maintained.

A stakeholder conference on Tuesday 17 July 2012 is one of the first steps towards this. Invitations are currently being sent out to stakeholders, with the aim of engaging them and encouraging them to consider the principles and priorities, and of their own contribution to health and wellbeing in Devon.