
Bath & North East Somerset Council

Improving People's Lives

B&NES Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2023-2030)

Finalised Priorities

Introduction

- This presentation sets out the signed off priorities for the B&NES Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2023-2030).
- It outlines the steps taken to identify priorities and the teams involved in the priority identification process.

Questions for the Forum

- Do the priorities speak to your team/organisation?
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Identifying Priorities

- The public consultation period for the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy ran from the 29th of September to 31st of October 2022.
- The health and wellbeing strategy team engaged with a number of Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Groups.
- We also engaged with HCRG Care Group Providers and discussed areas for improvement that can be addressed in the new strategy.
- Stakeholder engagement played an integral role in the process and fed heavily into the proposed priorities.

Identifying Priorities

- Following the public consultation and drafting of identified priorities, the health and wellbeing strategy team met with the steering group and discussed the alignment of the priorities with the evidence and public consultation findings.
- A decided action from that meeting was the need to ensure that identified priorities are the right ones through further meetings and engagement with health and wellbeing partners in the form of sense checking.
- The sense check meetings served to ensure that health and wellbeing board partners, including wider council departments and teams, were aware of the identified priorities and could help to tailor priorities to be in line with their departmental and organisational goals.
- In these meetings, we discussed current and future plans and considered what would be achievable during the life span of the strategy.

The Role of the Steering Group

- The health and wellbeing strategy steering group continues to meet monthly to review strategy related documents and discuss the overall progress of the strategy development.
- The steering group uses these meetings to discuss challenges, potential risks and key achievements.
- In the last steering group meeting, the proposed priorities were edited and signed off.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Draft Priorities

1. Ensure that children and young people are healthy and ready for learning and education

1.1 Strengthen family resilience to ensure children and young people can experience the best start in life.

1.2 Improve timely access to appropriate family and wellbeing support.

1.3 Reduce the existing educational attainment gap for disadvantaged children and young people.

1.4 Ensure services for children and young people who need support for emotional health and wellbeing are needs-led and tailored to respond and provide appropriate care and support (from early help to statutory support services).

2. Improve skills, good work and employment

2.1 Work with providers of education and other partners to prepare for, support and mentor individuals to engage in work opportunities.

2.2 Work with local employers to encourage, incentivise and promote good quality work.

2.3 Support the development of and access to an inclusive labour market, focusing on engaging our disadvantaged and vulnerable populations to support them to participate in meaningful work opportunities.

2.4 Prioritise inclusiveness and social value as employers, purchasers and investors in the local economy.

3. Strengthen compassionate and healthy communities

3.1 Continue to develop the infrastructure that encourages and enables individuals, organisations and networks to work together, with the shared aim of supporting people in need and building strong local communities.

3.2 Encourage proactive engagement in healthy lifestyle practices at all ages for good quality of life.

3.3 Develop a strategic approach to social prescribing to enable people to remain healthy and manage physical and mental health conditions.

4. Create health promoting places

4.1 Utilise the Local Plan as an opportunity to shape, promote and deliver healthy and sustainable places and reduce inequalities.

4.2 Improve take up of low carbon affordable warmth support for private housing; and encourage B&NES social housing providers to provide low carbon affordable warmth for existing social housing to help prevent damp and mould, and cold-related illnesses.

4.3 Maximise opportunities in legislation to facilitate targeted private rented sector inspection programme to ensure the minimum statutory housing and energy efficiency standards are met.

4.4 Improve access to physical and mental health services for all ages via the development of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs), community-based specialist services and our specialist centres.

4.5 The NHS, LA, Third Sector and other partners to increasingly embed prevention and inequalities action into their planning and prioritisation.

Next Steps

- 1) The Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Implementation Plan are being drafted.
- 2) A near final version of the strategy will be taken to key groups for final review, including the Integrated Care Alliance (ICA) and the Children, Adults, Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel.
- 3) The Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be taken to the Health and Wellbeing Board for final sign off in March 2023.

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Thank you