

Doncaster Health and Wellbeing Board

Agenda Item No. 7 Date: 5 September 2013

Subject: NHS England Primary Care Strategy

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Purpose of bringing this report to the Board		
Decision		
Recommendation to Full Council		
Endorsement		
Information	\checkmark	

Implications		Applicable Yes/No
DHWB Strategy Areas of Focus	Alcohol	✓
	Mental Health & Dementia	✓
	Obesity	✓
	Family	✓
	Personal Responsibility	✓
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Finance		
Legal		
Equalities		
Other Implications (please list)		

How will this contribute to improving health and wellbeing in Doncaster?

Primary Care is defined as the first contact of a patient with a healthcare provider, usually a GP, dentist, pharmacist or optician, in a given episode of illness. As such, it has a key role to play in improving health outcomes and reducing health inequalities. We know that good primary care has a positive impact across the whole of the health and social care system. Evidence shows that strong and effective primary care services are vital for health economies and for delivering high quality, best value health services and healthy populations.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:-

Consider the following points:

- Do you agree with the high level vision for primary care?
- How well do you feel the local primary care community is working currently? What are the issues we need to address?
- How can we ensure that the primary care strategy is rooted in the needs of local communities and the priorities that the Health and Wellbeing Board has identified for the local population?