

A joined-up approach to developing our plans for health and wellbeing in Doncaster

This briefing follows the discussion at June's H&WB board meeting and seeks to outline and confirm the following:

- context
- approach
- strategy development principles
- strategy development process
- progress
- an indicative outline of timescales and,
- Next steps

Context

Doncaster's Health and Wellbeing Strategy is overdue and requires an update to reflect the significant events and changes, e.g. floods, the COVID-19 pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis, and the formation of Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) that have taken place since its last iteration in 2016.

More recently, the South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board has developed a South Yorkshire Integrated Care Strategy and a Five-Year NHS Joint Forward Plan for South Yorkshire and following on from these statutory documents, the Doncaster Place Partnership is planning to develop a five-year integrated health and care place delivery plan specifically for Doncaster.

These initiatives at regional and local levels demonstrate the recognition of an evolving public health and healthcare landscape and the need for a more coordinated approach to help address health and wellbeing challenges.

Approach

The South Yorkshire Integrated Care Strategy and the Doncaster-specific plans (including the Health & Wellbeing Strategy) will provide an opportunity for collaboration between different stakeholders, including the City of Doncaster Council, Doncaster Place Partnership, health and social care providers, and community organisations, with a clear focus on the inclusion of the lived experience and resident voice within the decision-making process

By aligning these strategies and plans, Doncaster can ensure a coherent and integrated approach to improving health and wellbeing outcomes for its residents.

Strategy development principles:

- Clear focus on the resident voice and lived experience
- Collaborative production of content
- Identification and inclusion of specific issues relating to Doncaster
- Opportunities for Health Determinants Research Collaboration to be involved

Development process:

Our proposed plan outlines three key areas of joint working:

1. Review and synthesise existing resident engagement (resident voice)

To date there has been extensive resident engagement undertaken to inform the development of the Borough Strategy (Doncaster Delivering Together most recently) and our Team Doncaster strategies (e.g., Economic, Transport, Culture, education, and skills etc).

To build on existing engagement efforts, there is a need to synthesise key themes and identify gaps in resident involvement to ensure that any resulting resident engagement has a meaningful input into the strategy and plan.

By taking this approach we will also negate the risk of consultation fatigue which could in fact incur a counter consequence of disengagement.

2. Review existing data sets and take account of new data

Existing sources and products of data related to health and wellbeing will be collected and analysed. This process will identify any gaps in the available data and explore opportunities for further analysis.

The updated Health and Wellbeing Strategy will incorporate the priorities identified by the Health and Wellbeing board to address the needs highlighted in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). This will enable a targeted and evidence-based approach to tackle the local health challenges facing the community.

3. Strategy Mapping:

Existing strategies that contribute to improving health and wellbeing and addressing health inequalities (e.g., economic strategy) will be reviewed and mapped to ensure that where appropriate there is a clear line of sight, providing assurance against delivery of those health and wellbeing related priorities.

It is also anticipated that where appropriate, recommendations from the Fairness and Wellbeing commission will also be reflected within the plan.

Progress:

Community Engagement synthesis workshop (14 August)

Activity to map existing engagement efforts and synthesise key themes has already commenced with colleagues from across Team Doncaster (Localities, RDaSH, ICB, Healthwatch, DBTH etc) attending a workshop to present insight held by individual organisations in an effort to foster greater collaboration and shared thinking.

It was quickly recognised that collective engagement efforts are vast and as a result a series of draft principles for sustainable resident involvement were identified.

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| Openness/relationships/trust | Power to support resilience |
| Define the ask | Funding (reimburse time) |
| Create safe spaces | Build upon what we already know/what works to deepen our understanding and build an evolving conversation |
| Right person/place/time/method | Bold leadership – organisational development |
| Commitment to collaboration | Simple (appropriate) language |

The insight gathered from the session will be communicated to partners and used to underpin the development of the HWB strategy.

Timescales for key milestones:

- 19th & 31st July – initial scoping and planning sessions
- 14th August initial resident engagement synthesis workshop
- September/October – further understanding of community priorities
- November – production of Fairness & Wellbeing Commission report TBC
- November-January 2024 – development of plan/strategies TBC
- Spring– plans produced ready for approval TBC

The above timescales are all dependent on the extent of engagement activity required and the release of updated Public Health outcomes data in September.

Next Steps:

It is proposed that a further update be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board at their next meeting, where a draft outline of themes, based on the data, engagement and insight gathered will be presented.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Agree above proposals and next steps for the development of the HWB strategy and plan
- Consider and agree indicative timescales (subject to the caveat outlined).