

Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board – 10 December 2020

Strategy Questionnaire – Summary of Findings

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- a. Consider the findings of the survey
- b. Reflect and give direction based on the questions in the discussion section
- c. Agree the next steps that the Board wishes to take

Background

1. At the September meeting of the Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board, members reviewed the impact of Covid,
2. As part of this discussion the impact of Covid on the HWBB Strategy was also discussed
3. At the time, it was agreed to use the workshop slot in November to discuss the Strategy, priorities and delivery, in the light of Covid.
4. The November workshop was ultimately cancelled, because of the second Covid lockdown and a questionnaire was circulated to members to get views from members about how to proceed
5. The following is a summary of the findings of the questionnaire.

The Findings

6. Overall, there were 10 responses to the questionnaire:
 - a. There was strong support for a focus on both Mental Health and for greater efforts to tackle the Wider Determinants of Health.
 - b. The Board respondees felt that the focus for delivery should be on strengthening partnerships and the JSNA.

7. A more detailed question by question summary follows:

Q3. We do not need to re-write the current Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy, but we do need to focus on some key priorities.

7 /10 responses indicated that the Strategy did not need a re-write, but there was a sense that we do need to focus on some key delivery priorities and agree what we are actually going to do

Q4. Comments:

A range of comments suggested that mental health and health inequalities were key issues that need to be brought to the fore. A number of other comments suggest that we need to think about delivery and set relevant priorities that the system can manage, under the current Covid pressures

Q5. Is there anything missing from the Strategy that needs Board attention

Seven responses suggested gaps exist in the strategy

Q6. Please give more detail

There were a couple of comments to suggest that the strategy was not particularly strong regarding Children and Young People and also one comment about the gap around both Mental Health and Wider Determinants.

A number of comments suggested that we needed to reflect the impact of Covid, in the strategy and / or Board priorities for delivery

Q7. Focused on the JSNA priorities, which had been identified at the March 2020 Board meeting (see appendix). The following were identified as most important.

JSNA Priority	Responses
Wider determinants of Health	8
Mental Health	8
Lifestyles	2
Age Well	1
Alcohol and Drugs	1
Maternal & Infant Health	1

It was clear from the responses that the Board members saw Wider Determinants of Health and Mental Health as key priorities, by a significant majority.

Q8. What are the mechanisms by which the HWBB could deliver key priorities? This question was intended to look for ways in which the HWBB would proactively influence and act upon the priority areas it saw as most important.

All rankings (1-6) were added up to give an overall score (lowest score has most support)

Delivery actions	Score	No. of top 2 scores
Promote Partnership Working	15	8
Coordinated campaigns and public awareness	31	2
Stronger focus on the JSNA to influence decision making	32	4
Health in all Policies approach	36	4
Promote Good Practice	39	2
Board members act as Champions for Change	57	0

The most popular delivery mechanism was seen as Partnership working. Partnerships have certainly developed as a result of Covid, but work will be required to unpack this to enable the Board to act upon it.

There was clear support for a stronger focus on the JSNA to drive decision making, particularly in the light of Covid. This is unsurprising considering that the JSNA is a statutory duty of Health and Wellbeing Boards. A JSNA focus on Mental Health and Wider Determinants may be required, although this will also need to connect with the Population Health workstream as well.

Whilst only 2 people identified campaigns in the top 2 delivery mechanisms, it was ranked 3 or 4 by most people and nobody ranked it in the bottom two.

Four people identified Health in all Policies (HIAP) as one of the top two delivery mechanisms, although 3 people had HIAP in their bottom two, which suggests a lack of consensus

Discussion

8. In the light of these findings, the Board is asked to consider the following questions:

- a. Do the Board think that the findings are correct and reflect a clear direction for us to move forward with?
- b. Are the Board happy to support the majority view that we do not need to refresh the strategy?
- c. Do the Board support a focus on Mental Health and Wider Determinants of Health as key Board priorities?
 - i. How do the Board wish to focus on Mental Health?
 - ii. How do the Board wish to focus on Wider Determinants?
- d. There was significant support for the Partnership role of the HWBB, how do we make this real with ICS, Stoke HWBB and other partnership bodies
- e. Agree the next steps that the Board wishes to take.

List of Background Documents / Appendices:

Appendix 1 – JSNA Presentation (March 2020 Board Meeting)

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