

## **Health Social Care and Well Being Strategy 2008 - 2011**

### **Purpose of report**

To inform Board Members about the requirement and process for Flintshire County Council to work with the Local Health Board and other partners to formulate and implement a Health, Social Care and Well Being Strategy for the people of Flintshire.

### **Background**

Each local authority and Local Health Board (LHB) is jointly responsible in law for the formulation and implementation of a Health, Social Care and Well Being Strategy (HSCWBS) for their local population. The HSCWBS is one of the 4 statutory plans that local authorities and partners are required to produce, the others being the Community Strategy, the Children and Young People's Plan and the Local Development Plan. These plans should interlink and cross-refer to one another.

The Welsh Assembly Government (WAG) has recently issued draft guidance and regulations on the preparation of the next round of HSCWBSs for 2008 - 2011. The aims of the HSCWBS are:

- improving the health, social care and well being of the local population by addressing the full range of issues that affect people's health, social care and well being;
- improving the provision and delivery of and access to services; and
- improving planning and investment.

The HSCWBS will act as the commissioning context for the statutory agencies in using their resources.

In relation to children, the Children and Young People's Plans (CYPP) will be the main plan addressing the priorities for children and young people's services in Flintshire. However, it is essential that the HSCWBS is coherent with and reflects the priorities set out in the CYPP, through cross reference and making appropriate links. Children are also users of other services as well as those specifically designed for them and this must be acknowledged in the HSCWBS.

The process for developing the HSCWBS will need to be undertaken as a sequence of phases as set out in the draft guidance and regulations. These are: needs assessment and service mapping; setting objectives; creating a joint vision; prioritization; authorization and consultation; implementation and monitoring and review.

The next HSCWBS must be published by April 2008. At its meeting on 18 December 2006, the Flintshire Health, Social Care and Well Being Partnership Board (Partnership Board) agreed a structure for taking forward the process of developing the strategy in Flintshire. It was agreed that a Co-ordinating Group be established to develop and manage a project plan and

that a Needs Assessment Group be established to co-ordinate the population needs assessment and service mapping that underpin the strategy. Both these groups have now met and begun their work and will report regularly to the Partnership Board.

The Co-ordinating Group has agreed the following broad milestones and dates for the development of the strategy:

<b>WHAT</b>	<b>BY WHEN</b>
Establish Co-ordinating Group and Needs Assessment Group	January 2007
Undertake needs assessment and service mapping	April 2007
Identify objectives and priorities and develop a joint vision	June 2007
Finalise draft strategy	August 2007
Approval of draft strategy by Partnership Board	September 2007
Consultation on draft strategy	October - December 2007
Changes incorporated	January - February 2008
Approval of final strategy	February 2008
Translation and printing	March 2008
Publication and implementation	April 2008

### **Considerations**

Effective public engagement and consultation is an important consideration in the development of the HSCWBS. The Co-ordinating Group has therefore established a Public Engagement Task and Finish group to advise on this issue.

It will essential to involve all Directorates of the County Council, relevant departments of the LHB, Health Trusts and voluntary sector partners in the development of the strategy. This is reflected in the membership of the groups referred to in 2.05 above.

There is a requirement that the new Local Service Boards, when established, will engage with the production of the new round of HSCWBSs and help to ensure that they link appropriately to other local strategies and are founded on strong local commitment to delivery.

### **Recommendations**

That Board Members note the report and approve proposed timescales.

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