



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER FORMAL PUBLIC MEETING

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Summary:

This paper is to present the findings of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy engagement work undertaken by VAS and Healthwatch. Its purpose is to invite comment and reflection from the board around the content, and how that links to and impacts on the strategy. It is also an opportunity to discuss and agree on direction for next steps of the engagement.

Questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. What are your reflections on feedback to date?
2. How can the engagement report and findings best be used to shape the next phase of work on the strategy? Specifically, within that;
 - To inform the planned workshops?
 - to link back into the next phase of the engagement work to inform / refine the approach?
3. Are there specific next steps the board would like to see in terms of engagement?
4. How will the board respond to the challenge where key messages don't align with the ambitions as described in the strategy?

Recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. That the information and intelligence gathered is actively used within the next phase of the Strategy development and implementation.
2. That the report is used to inform the discussion and action within the upcoming workshops.
3. That the board notes and reflects on the findings, particularly where the key findings don't align directly to the ambitions as described in the strategy.

Background Papers:

- *Appendix: Engagement report*

Which of the ambitions in the Health & Wellbeing Strategy does this help to deliver?

All the ambitions.

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2.0 HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ON HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN SHEFFIELD?

2.1 The engagement work undertaken sought to ensure that a representative range of voices were heard from. Detailed work was undertaken in parts of the city where health inequalities are prominent, as well as with specific groups – for example adults with learning disabilities. As the work is not yet concluded, part of the next phase will be to identify and fill gaps in terms of voices heard.

2.2 MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT

Healthwatch and VAS were asked to undertake some engagement work to inform the development of Sheffield's Health and Wellbeing strategy. The aim was to understand what people in the city thought of the strategy, and develop a city conversation on "what is health?", recognising that this is more than NHS and care services.

The specific aims within this were:

- Contribute to rebranding and reframing "health" as a collective effort and not something that relies on individual behaviour change;
- Ensure the Board hear the voices of a representative slice of Sheffield, including getting to people who can be "seldom heard";
- Go beyond patients and services users to get the views of citizens on what supports their health;
- Develop deliberative processes to introduce fresh voices into the city's strategic conversation around health and wellbeing;
- And in doing so perhaps provide some challenge to the Board's view.

The report presented with this paper contains the key findings from the first phase of this engagement work. What we heard from people suggests that broadly, people's description of what keeps them well, does align with the ambitions in the strategy. However notably, what we've summarised as the 3 key findings, are related to the ambitions, but with a different focus than that described within the strategy. For example, the importance of being able to travel around the city was reflected, but whilst active travel and cycling were mentioned by some, buses were more widely spoken

about. Physical spaces, including green space, formed another strong theme – the strategy doesn't explicitly mention the importance of green space although we can weave this into the ambitions of:

- Everyone has the level of meaningful social contact that they want
- Everyone has access to a home which supports their health

There is a challenge then of how to ensure that the breadth of these ambitions can include the key themes which have emerged.

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4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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