

Health and Wellbeing Strategy Consultation

Draft Report

The Health and Wellbeing Board consulted organisations and residents on proposals for a new four year Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy. The consultation launched on 24 July and closed on 28 August 2019. The online consultation was published on Citizen Space, a web-based consultation tool. This report summarises the main points that arose and describes what the Board has agreed to do in response.

1. Responses received

In total, 218 responses were received

- 36 through face to face engagement at the Havering Show, 2 by email, the rest were completed online
- 8 organisations/services responded
- 210 individuals responded; 187 live, 86 work, 5 study in the borough. Numbers are greater than 210 as some respondents fit more than one category

2. Key messages

There was overall support for the strategy with a small number of responses that disagreed with some of the individual priorities

- In the main, organisations that responded agreed with the strategy and were willing to support its implementation
- The majority of individuals agreed with the approach and the individual priorities
- The level of interest in mental health and healthcare suggests that the relevant BHR transformation boards should consider how to raise awareness of BHR-wide strategies
- There were some general comments about lack of detail and specifics, which will be naturally addressed through the annual work programme of the Board, which will be published on the Council's website

<https://democracy.havering.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=374%20>

3. Responses from Organisations

Of the eight organisations that responded, seven said that they supported the strategy and wished to support its implementation, each citing one or more priority of particular interest to them. There were no themes that arose, but the individual and specific comments have been forwarded to relevant programme leads.

Box 1: What the Board will do:

- No further action to be taken

The organisation that did not support the strategy cited the lack of focus on active lifestyles which they said *“is now believed to be even more important to public health than reducing obesity.”* They would be willing to support the development of a strategy that addressed this.

Box 2: What the Board will do:

The Board accepts that active lifestyles lead to wider benefits to health than just reducing obesity. However, the Board wishes to remain focused on a small number of priorities. It has been decided to revisit the strategy priorities after two years and if sufficient progress is made, then the topic of active lifestyles will be added as an additional priority. In the meantime, physical activity will continue to be promoted as part of usual business by the Council and partners.

4. Responses from Individuals

143 respondents agreed with the approach set out in the strategy, 24 did not agree, the rest chose not to answer. The following table shows the numbers of respondents who agreed/disagreed with the individual priorities.

Priority	*Agreed	*Disagreed
Help people with health problems into work	175	17
Anchor institutions making a difference	160	12
Homelessness	196	3
Obesity	183	13
Smoking	181	12
Healthy child settings	197	4
Regeneration benefits	196	6
Supporting people with complex needs differently	189	7
Health, housing, social care services working together	203	3

*where numbers do not add up to 210, this is because respondents either left blank, or entered “do not know”.

There was further feedback on the topics of mental health, environmental factors, dementia, healthcare, and children and young people, as follows:

4.1 Mental health: Some respondents made mention of the importance of mental health and how this appeared to be missing. The draft strategy did state that there would be no duplication of programmes that are being taken forward on a 3 borough basis; mental health being one. It is assumed that this explanation was overlooked.

Box 3: What the Board will do:

- **Through this report, signpost to the work of the BHR Mental Health Transformation Board as presented to the Board in 2019:**
<https://democracy.havering.gov.uk/documents/g5878/Public%20reports%20pack%2013th-Mar-2019%2013.00%20Health%20Wellbeing%20Board.pdf?T=10>
- **Continue to request annual reports from the BHR Mental Health Transformation Board which will be published with other HWB papers.**

4.2 Environmental factors: Seven respondents said that the strategy should include specific reference to environmental factors such as climate change, air quality, recycling and food safety.

Box 4: What the Board will do:

The Board recognises that environmental factors such as climate change and air quality are major threats to human health. There are local strategies and structures in place already to respond to the problems including the Council's Air Quality Plan which was approved by Cabinet in 2019 (see below) as well as the national Clean Air Strategy 2019. Nevertheless, when the HWBS is reviewed in two years' time, the topic of the environment will be considered again and could also be included as a Board priority.
https://democracy.havering.gov.uk/documents/s26783/Havering%20Air%20Quality%20Action%20Plan%202017_V6.pdf

4.3 Dementia: There was some interest in the topic of dementia.

Box 5: What the Board will do:

The HWB will continue to be a part of the local Dementia Strategy Steering Group's governance arrangements. HWN will also request regular updates of progress of the dementia strategy.

4.4 Healthcare: There were a number of comments about provision of healthcare – primarily primary care. A dozen or so comments were about length of waiting times for GP appointments, the St George Hospital site and provision of healthcare in south Hornchurch. A couple of comments were made about the need to improve stroke rehabilitation

Box 6: What the Board will do:

The Board will continue to publish a forward plan of the topics that are scheduled to be presented. These topics include the BHR Transformation Boards that are focusing on healthcare (including primary care)

4.5 Children and Young People: There were three comments about the importance of young people's health and wellbeing, including self-esteem, violent crime, and sexual health. It was said that safeguarding processes need to be considered when an adolescent reaches 18.

Box 7: What the Board will do:

- Improving physical and mental health of children and young people is important for the Health and Wellbeing Board. The HWB is looking to deliver improvements through early years settings, schools and colleges (as indicated in the draft strategy).
- The BHR Children and Young People Transformation Board will be reporting to HWB on the progress it is making on CYP health and wellbeing.
- In June 2019, the Council's Cabinet agreed the establishment of Havering's Safeguarding Adolescent Hub, and will be developing its approach to Transitional Safeguarding with partners in 2020. The Board is assisting in raising awareness of new the arrangements by signposting to the relevant decision paper through this report:
<https://democracy.havering.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=153&MId=6187>