

**Health and Wellbeing Board**  
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	<b>Report for Resolution</b>
<b>Title:</b>	Updating the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Nottingham
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<b>Brief summary:</b>	<p>Under the <i>Health and Social Care Act 2012</i>, Health and Wellbeing Boards have a statutory duty to develop a Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS). This requires partners to work together to develop a collective understanding of the health and wellbeing needs of the local community and agree joint priorities for addressing these needs to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities.</p> <p>The current JLHWS for Nottingham, was agreed by the Board and published in March 2022, setting out the agreed priorities and plans for the subsequent three years, expiring at the end of March 2025.</p> <p>This report sets out, for the Board's consideration, initial proposals relating to the refresh of the JLHWS for Nottingham, in order to set the strategic context from April 2025 onwards, and ensure the approach and priorities continue to make a tangible difference to improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities in Nottingham.</p> <p>The intention is that an updated JLHWS for Nottingham will be developed over the course of 2024/25, with the Health and Wellbeing Board signing off the new JLHWS for Nottingham in February 2025.</p>
<b>Does this report contain any information that is exempt from publication?</b>	
No	

**Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board:**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Note and approve the direction of travel for the updated JLHWS for Nottingham (2025/26 onwards), specifically;
  - Agree that the JLHWS be updated for 2025/26 onwards, with a specific focus on the included priorities
  - Agree that a review of the current priorities is undertaken to inform onward approach
  - Request that the potential additional priorities identified are further scoped (informed by both data analysis and insight gathered via community and stakeholder engagement)

### The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Aims and Priorities	How the recommendation(s) contribute to meeting the Aims and Priorities:
<b>Aim 1:</b> To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham through addressing the wider determinants of health and enabling people to make healthy decisions	<p>This report sets out plans to update the current Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) for 2025/26 onwards. It is proposed that the overarching aims of the updated JLHWS are retained, with current priorities to be reviewed and additional priorities to be identified in order to meet the stated aims of increasing healthy life expectancy and reducing health inequalities.</p>
<b>Aim 2:</b> To reduce health inequalities by having a proportionately greater focus where change is most needed	
<b>Priority 1:</b> Smoking and Tobacco Control	
<b>Priority 2:</b> Eating and Moving for Good Health	
<b>Priority 3:</b> Severe Multiple Disadvantage	
<b>Priority 4:</b> Financial Wellbeing	

### How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health

It is suggested that parity of mental and physical health continues to be an underpinning principle in the updated Strategy, which is reflected by placing both at the core of the agreed model which it is proposed to retain.

<b>Background papers:</b>	

# Updating the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Nottingham

## 1. Introduction

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Health and Wellbeing Boards have a statutory duty to develop a Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS). This requires partners to work together to develop a collective understanding of the health and wellbeing needs of the local community and agree joint priorities for addressing these needs to improve health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities. The current JLHWS for Nottingham, was agreed by the Board and published in March 2022 and set out the agreed priorities and plans for the subsequent three years, expiring at the end of March 2025.

This report sets out, for the Board's consideration, initial proposals relating to the refresh of the JLHWS for Nottingham, in order to set the strategic context from April 2025 onwards, and ensure the approach and priorities continue to make a tangible difference to improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities in Nottingham.

The intention is that the updated JLHWS for Nottingham will be developed over the course of 2024/25 to allow for comprehensive stakeholder and resident engagement, with the Health and Wellbeing Board signing off the updated JLHWS for Nottingham in February 2025, with implementation to commence from April 2025.

## 2. Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-2025

The current JLHWS for Nottingham was agreed in March 2022, as the city (and the wider country) began its recovery from COVID-19. The pandemic had highlighted and further exacerbated the health inequalities already known to exist in Nottingham, making the need to reduce inequalities a clear focus.

There was a strong commitment to developing and then delivering a JLHWS that would make a tangible difference to the health and wellbeing of Nottingham's communities, recognising that health outcomes require long-term efforts to shift. As such, it was agreed that a small number (3-5) priorities would be identified, focusing on those areas where renewed collective efforts would have the biggest impact.

Following a review of the relevant data, consideration of the local and national strategic context and engagement with community representatives four priorities were identified and agreed;

- (1) Smoking and Tobacco Control
- (2) Eating and Moving for Good Health
- (3) Severe Multiple Disadvantage
- (4) Financial Wellbeing

The priorities agreed reflect core public health responsibilities, but also recognise the broader factors that impact on our health.

Health and Wellbeing Board received the Year 2 delivery update at the previous meeting (27 March 2024) where it was noted that programme are progressing broadly in line with delivery plan expectations and are on track to deliver against the ambitions set in the current JLHWS.

The current JLHWS has provided a strong foundation for focussed collaborative work on the priorities identified, and has successfully secured greater partnership committed and driven change. This was recognised nationally when the partnership approach to delivering the JLHWS was shortlisted in the Public Health category of the Local Government Chronical Awards 2023.

The current JLHWS was agreed as a three-year Strategy in recognition of the need for regular review due to changing context, both in terms of the wider system landscape but also changes to social and environmental context which shapes the lives, and therefore the health, of Nottingham's communities.

It is therefore suggested the Board support an update of the JLHWS, which would entail;

- Retaining the current aims, public health model and approach to delivery (programme management via the Place-based partnership).
- Reviewing the current priorities to inform the onward approach and identifying further additional priorities that will address the aims of increasing healthy life expectancy and reducing health inequalities.

### **3. JLHWS Priorities**

#### **3.1 Reviewing the current priorities**

Whilst positive progress against the current four JLHWS priorities has been made, it has always been recognised that a long-term approach will be required to deliver a tangible and sustainable shift in the public health outcomes aligned and focussed work would continue to be required beyond the lifetime of the existing JLHWS.

Priorities were agreed on the basis that they required renewed or additional collective focus and could not be successfully delivered via a 'business as usual' approach. It is suggested that the existing priorities are reviewed and re-tested against this principle to inform a Health and Wellbeing Board decision about their continued status in an updated JLHWS.

Consideration would be given to whether the following enablers are in place and there is confidence across the system that they will be sustained appropriately:

- A clearly stated system wide commitment
- Governance structure established with appropriate links into Health and Wellbeing
- Dedicated resource and Strategic Lead
- Ongoing delivery plan
- Ongoing investment

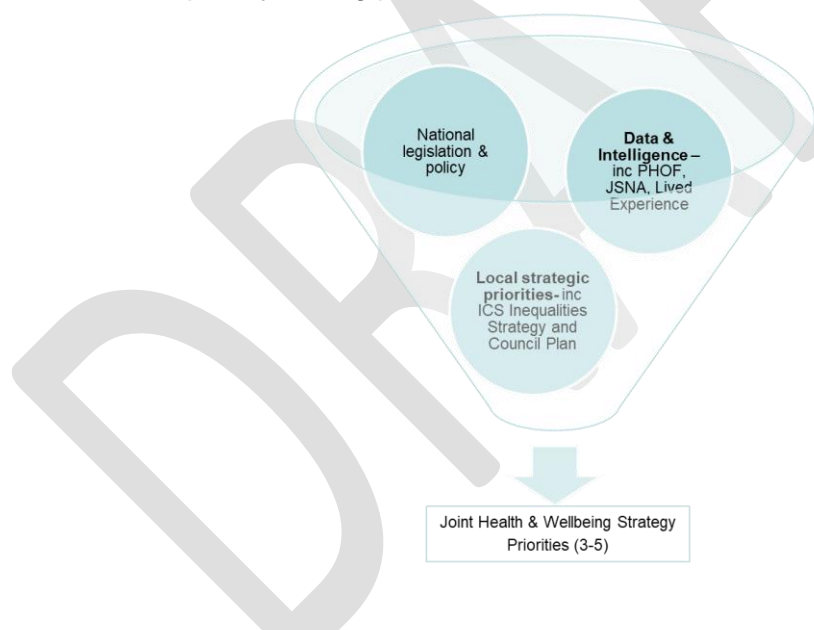
The output of this review (to be conducted by priority programme teams) will be presented to Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2024, with a recommendation as to whether the priority should be i) retained as a priority within the updated JLHWS, ii) retained but reshaped, iii) recognised as continuing to be important but managed as business as usual or iv) removed from the updated JLHWS.

### 3.2 Identifying new priorities

The selection of the current priorities was strongly grounded in known data and intelligence, aligned with other local strategic priorities, and tested out through engagement with communities (see figure 1). It is proposed to continue this approach in order to identify additional JLHWS priorities, which can be tested against the following previously agreed principles:

- Be strongly grounded in (population health) data and intelligence about the health and wellbeing needs of the local population
- Focused on delivering outcomes which can have the biggest possible positive impact on the mental and physical health and wellbeing of Nottingham's population
- Compliment but avoid duplicating priority areas where there is already a clear strategy and strong partnership working in place
- Require renewed focus and collaborative efforts from a wide range of partners and stakeholders in order to make desired change i.e not the responsibility of single organisations
- Be subject to consultation with the local community and voluntary sector and community representatives so that a broader range of views, including those who understand the needs of specific community groups, could be represented.

Figure 1: JLHWS priority setting process



An initial consideration of the components within the above figure has informed a suggested long-list of potential additional priorities for inclusion within an updated JLHWS as follows;

- a) Alcohol related harm
- b) Best start in life
- c) Housing
- d) Ageing Well (including Long Term Condition and/or Frailty)

These have been opportunistically and informally shared with the wider public health workforce and community and voluntary sector at events during April/May 2024 and have been well received as relevant to Nottingham's context (both in terms of strategic fit and population need).

It is proposed that further work is undertaken to establish the evidence base, define the scope and map the current landscape for each of the topics listed above to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2024, for consideration alongside the review of the existing priorities

#### 4. Next steps

There are four scheduled Health and Wellbeing Board meetings during 2024/25. It is proposed that the updated of the JLHWS will be discussed at each of these will the following decisions taken

May 2024	Health and Wellbeing Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree that the JLHWS be updated for 2025/26 onwards, with a specific focus on the included priorities</li> <li>• Agree that a review of the current priorities is undertaken to inform onward approach</li> <li>• Request that the potential additional priorities identified are further scoped (informed by both data analysis and insight gathered via community and stakeholder engagement)</li> </ul>
September 2024	Health and Wellbeing Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive the output of review of existing and potential priorities</li> <li>• Agree the approach to be taken to existing priorities in the updated Strategy</li> <li>• Agree a list of potential additional priorities to be subject to formal consultant (engagement and consultation plan to be shared for endorsement).</li> </ul>
November 2024	Health and Wellbeing Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree the final priorities to be included in the updated JLHWS, giving consideration to engagement/consultation results</li> <li>• Identify appropriate Programme Leads and request that delivery plans are produced</li> </ul>
February 2025	Updated JLHWS and associated priority delivery plans are approved by Health and Wellbeing Board