
Bryan Turner
Chairman, Health & Adult Social Care
Select Committee

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Dear Bryan

West Sussex Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2024

I would like to express my gratitude, on behalf of the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board, for the feedback and recommendations from the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee meeting on 16th January 2019 in regards to the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JWHS).

Following the consultation, all responses are being reviewed and changes will be made to the final strategy.

The aim of the strategy is to be concise and purposeful; therefore it does not give details of the action plans for delivery. The intention is that a Place Plan will be developed as the delivery mechanism for the strategy. It will include details of the actions on how the strategic goals and priorities will be delivered.

Responses to specific comments are as follows:

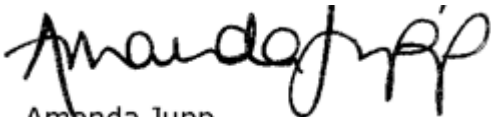
a) **Sugar reduction be emphasised with action plans across the strategy:**

This is noted and sugar reduction will be added as one of the initiatives in Starting Well, following through to both the Living and Working Well and Aging Well themes too.

b) **More is included in regard to children's mental health:** Children's mental health is included as a key priority in the strategy and the intention is that the Place Plan will have more details and action plans relating to children's mental health. The children's public health team are committed to working with other organisations and teams in prioritising emotional health and wellbeing and progress is being made.

- c) **Action plans are included for those with long-term conditions who do not feel supported:** The Place Plan will include more details and action plans on supporting those with long term conditions.
- d) **A reference to digital media is included regarding its impact on health and wellbeing and the benefits it can bring:** The draft strategy will be reviewed and a Place Plan will be developed to set out the action plans, including reference to digital media.
- e) **Other addictions, including gambling, are included:** This is noted, and will be included in the revised strategy.
- f) **More is added regarding the benefits of walking and cycling:** The draft will be reviewed and clear links with other strategies, such as the West Sussex Walking and Cycling Strategy 2016-2026 will be highlighted.
- g) **The importance of smoking cessation, particularly for pregnant women, is emphasised:** The draft strategy includes the goal to reduce smoking in pregnancy and as an indicator. Some of the consultation responses indicated that inequalities were not sufficiently addressed. As this is related to inequalities, the draft strategy will be reviewed to ensure that issues such as maternal smoking are highlighted.

Yours sincerely,



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Cabinet Member for Adults and Health