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Focus group on Review of the Joint Health Improvement Plan

1.0 Purpose

The Joint Health Improvement Plan (JHIP) 2012-2015 is due for review. It has been requested to hold a focus group at the meeting of 30th September to elicit the views of the Management Committee on the priority areas, and we are grateful to have been admitted to your meeting.

2.0 Recommendations

Eight existing priority areas will be presented to the committee for voting and brief comment and six potential new areas for introduction in an updated JHIP will be similarly presented for voting and brief comment.

3.0 Background

The Health Improvement Partnership are about to write a new strategy and this focus group is to contribute to research to review the effectiveness of the current strategy and to consider if anything new needs to be included.

3.1 The Vision of the JHIP is:
"Everyone in Argyll and Bute has the right to lead the healthiest and safest life possible."
Whether that means being empowered to make healthier lifestyle choices; being able to access opportunities and services for health and wellbeing locally; or having the skills and resources to manage your own health- health improvement is in everyone's best interest. (JHIP, 2012)

3.2 The Health and Wellbeing Partnership:
 Supports the planning of health improvement in Argyll and Bute, and delivery is supported by 8 local networks, chaired by a part time coordinator as well as Health Improvement and Public Health staff.
The partnership includes third sector groups and representatives, local Police, Fire and Rescue staff, council and health staff.
Health improvement happens wherever people happen to be, and includes schools and workplaces, geographical communities and with and for communities of interest.

3.3 The Current strategic priorities:

We work by delivering health improvement projects and funding for some of these (through health and wellbeing fund) is offered to communities under **8 strategic priorities:**

1. Health inequalities
2. Alcohol and Drugs
3. Early Years
4. Healthy Weight
5. Mental Health
6. Older People
7. Smoking Prevention
8. Teenage transition.

3.4 New and emerging priorities:

Since the adoption of the JHIP there have been a number of changes altering the landscape. These include:

- The Christie Commission on the Future Delivery of Public Services, 2011.
- The integration of Health and Social Care, from 2015
- The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

This has pushed particular **themes** into the foreground, such as:

- ✓ Prevention,
- ✓ Community engagement,
- ✓ Co-production,
- ✓ Person centred delivery,
- ✓ Self-management and
- ✓ Social prescribing.

3.5 It is the intention of this research to test if the eight existing priorities still hold weight and whether new themes need explicit focus going forward.

4.0 Role of CPP Focus Group

4.1 The aim of this focus group is to allow the CPP to identify what the priorities are and why.

4.2 Other focus groups have been held with the Health and wellbeing networks.

4.3 This is further complemented by a widely circulated online survey. The JHIP review group will collate all the feedback from this research to review and update the JHIP.

5.0 Conclusions

Input from strategic Community Planning partners will be of immeasurable value and add considerable weight to the validity and authority of the research that informs the review. It is balanced by the views of the community organisations and health staff who are members of the networks.

Attendees who may wish to have further input can email detail to: Antonia.baird@argyll-bute.gov.uk before Friday 7th October, who will forward it to the research group.

6.0 Implications
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Strategic Implications	This relates to Outcome 5: people live active, healthier and independent lives. , and to Outcome 6: Safer and Stronger Communities.
Consultations, Previous considerations	This focus group is part of a research project that includes a wide variety of people and settings, appropriate to its purpose.
Resources	There are no resource implications.
Prevention	The JHIP looks at ways of preventing ill health from arising by looking at ways in which people and communities can live active and healthy lives.
Equalities	Health inequalities are a key priority of the JHIP and to be discussed at the focus group.

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References
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Appendices
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