

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 24th March 2015

Agenda item:

Wards: All

Subject: Charter for Homeless Health

Lead officer: Dr Kay Eilbert, Director of Public Health

Lead member: Councillor Caroline Cooper Marbiah

Forward Plan reference number:

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Recommendations:

- A To agree that the Health and Wellbeing Board signs the Charter for Homeless Health.
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To set out the Charter for Homeless Health and seek agreement that the Health and Wellbeing Board sign the Charter.

2. DETAILS

People who are homeless have some of the worst health in society, yet they often struggle to access the health care and support they need.

Merton Health and Wellbeing Board has been approached to sign the charter for Homeless Health to demonstrate its commitment to measuring, understanding and meeting the health needs of homeless people in Merton.

The Charter (attached as appendix 1) includes a commitment to:

- Identify need – including the needs of people who are homeless in the JSNA
- Provide leadership – through the DPH tackling health inequalities and promoting an integrated response.
- Commission for inclusion – to ensure that local health services meet the needs of homeless people.

The Charter was discussed at One Merton Group and it was agreed that this should be put forward to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

5. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

None for the purpose of this report.

6. TIMETABLE

None for the purpose of this report.

8. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

9. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

10. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

The Charter for Homeless Health is aimed at targeting health inequalities.

11. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The Charter for Homeless Health has potential for a positive impact on crime and disorder.

12. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None for the purpose of this report.

APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

Appendix 1 – Charter for Homeless Health

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None