

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2016

48. Swindon Oral Health Strategy

The Board considered a report setting out the Swindon Oral Health Strategy which has built upon the 2016 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment on oral health in Swindon, and outlines the approach to improve oral health of Swindon residents.

Dr Rebecca Maclean, Public Health Consultant at Swindon Borough Council introduced the report and highlighted the priority outcomes for the strategy and challenges faced locally in promoting oral health. Dr Maclean noted the impact of poor oral health on those people with long term conditions. She also noted problems with children's oral health including that 35% of five year old children had five or more decayed teeth and there had been 300 admissions in the last year for child tooth removal.

Following the introduction of the report the Board discussed:

- That inequality in oral health in Swindon appeared to still be increasing.
- The priorities set out within the Oral Health Strategy Action Plan and the work of the Steering Group on Oral Health.
- Data on oral health provided by NHS England.
- The need for more collaborative working between dentists, General practitioners and primary care bodies.

Resolved – (1) That the Swindon Oral Health Strategy 2016-2021 be approved.

(2) That Cabinet and the Clinical Commissioning Governing Body be recommended (i) that the Swindon Oral Health Strategy for 2016-2021 be adopted, and (ii) that the establishment of an Oral Health Steering Group to monitor the Strategy, and the Swindon Oral Health Action Plan, be supported.

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49. Steady Steps to Staying Active for Life: A Falls and Bone Health Strategy for Swindon

The Board considered a report concerning the draft Falls and Bone Health Strategy for Swindon Strategy which focuses on falls prevention and promoting mobility, independence and keeping active in a safe way for older people.

Cherry Jones, Director of Public Health, introduced the report highlighting key issues including:

- The policy is collaboration across a wide multi-agency group led by Swindon Borough Council and the NHS Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group.
- Falls and fall related injuries are a serious problem for older people with 30% of over 65s experiencing one or more falls with the figure rising to around 50% for the over 80 age group.

- The six themes of the action plan which included measurable actions, timescales and targets.
- The aims and objectives of the Steady Steps to Staying Active for Life: A Falls and Bone Health Strategy for Swindon.

Following the introduction of the report the Board discussed:

- The importance of the strategy and in particular the preventative work included within it.
- The hope that the strategy would, over a period of time, help reduce pressure on Great Western hospital through a reduction in fall related admissions.
- That the leaflet produced as part of the Falls and Bone Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment had been well received locally.
- The ambitious nature of the policy and whether there were resources available to complete the five year strategy.
- The need for feedback on the strategy as this became available.

Resolved – (1) That the aims and objectives of the Steady Steps to Staying Active for Life: A Falls and Bone Health Strategy for Swindon, attached as Appendix 1 to the report be supported.

(2) That the Cabinet and the Clinical Commissioning Governing Body be recommended to adopt the Steady Steps to Staying Active for Life: A Falls and Bone Health Strategy for Swindon.