

CHESHIRE EAST HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Reports Cover Sheet

Title of Report:	Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board Membership Review 2025-2026
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Health & Wellbeing Board Lead:	The Chair

Executive Summary

Is this report for:	Information <input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Why is the report being brought to the board?	To review the membership of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board for 2024-2025		
Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategic Outcomes this report relates to?	1. Cheshire East is a place that supports good health and wellbeing for everyone <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Our children and young people experience good physical and emotional health and wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> 3. The mental health and wellbeing of people living and working in Cheshire East is improved <input type="checkbox"/> 4. That more people live and age well, remaining independent; and that their lives end with peace and dignity in their chosen place <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Principles this report relates to?	Equality and Fairness <input type="checkbox"/> Accessibility <input type="checkbox"/> Integration <input type="checkbox"/> Quality <input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Key Actions for the Health & Wellbeing Board to address. Please state recommendations for action.	The Board is to review membership for 2025-2026 to ensure that the Board can effectively fulfil its statutory responsibilities and support the delivery of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.		

Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG board/stakeholders?	No
Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?	N/A
If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit? Detail benefits and reasons why they will benefit.	The Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board will function more effectively in its role to provide strategic leadership for integration and the reduction of inequalities.

1 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board's Terms of Reference require the membership to be reviewed and agreed at the first meeting of the Municipal Year. This report reviews the proposed membership for 2025-2026.
- 1.2 The Board is made up of statutory members and additional members nominated by the statutory members to assist the Board in delivering its statutory responsibilities. The additional members are approved on an annual basis.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the statutory Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board members agree the following individuals as additional members for 2025-2026:

Councillor Stewart Gardiner – Opposition Group representative
 Philip Cresswell – the Executive Director of Place
 Isla Wilson – representing the Place Health and Care Partnership Board
 Superintendent Andrew Blizzard – representing the Police and Crime Commissioner
 Denise Bowman - representing the Chief Fire Officer
 Kate Little - representing the community, voluntary and social enterprise sector
 Claire Williamson – an additional representative for Children and Families
 A housing provider representative – to be nominated
 A Business representative – to be nominated

- 2.2 That the members of the Board (statutory and additional) consider if there are any further nominees to join the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To ensure that the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board has a membership that will allow it to fulfil its statutory responsibilities and effectively support the delivery of the Cheshire East Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

4 Impact on Health and Wellbeing Strategic Outcomes

- 4.1 The membership of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board is critical to achieving the strategic outcomes of the Cheshire East Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Members will provide the strategic leadership required to take forward the work of the Board in supporting integration and reducing inequalities.

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 The statutory membership of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board is detailed in the current Terms of Reference (ToR). This includes those members that are set out in the legislation (Health and Social Care Act 2012). The ToR are due for review, but because of the uncertainty regarding the position of the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board (a statutory member of the Health and Wellbeing Board), the review of the ToR has been postponed until later in the year.
- 5.2 The statutory members can nominate additional members on to the Board to assist with the work of the Board and the delivery of the strategic outcomes set out in the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 5.3 All additional members of the Board are voting members. This is designed to ensure that their membership and contribution to the work of the Board is seen as being of equal value to that of the Statutory Members.
- 5.4 The current membership is as below:
- **Three** councillors from Cheshire East Council*¹ (TBC by Committees - representing the Administration)
 - The Executive Director of Adults, Health and Integration* (Helen Charlesworth-May)
 - The Executive Director of Children's Services* (Dawn Godfrey)
 - The Director of Public Health* (Professor Rod Thomson – interim DPH)
 - A local Healthwatch representative* (Louise Barry)
 - Two representatives from NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board* (Dr Paul Bishop and a TBC)
 - The Chair of the Cheshire East Place Health and Care Partnership (Isla Wilson)
 - The Executive Director of Place (Philip Cresswell)
 - A Police and Crime Commissioner representative (Superintendent Andrew Blizard)
 - A Fire and Rescue Service representative (Denise Bowman)
 - A representative of CVS Cheshire East (Kate Little)
 - An additional representative of Children and Families (Claire Williamson)
 - A councillor from Cheshire East Council representing the main opposition group (Cllr Stewart Gardiner)
 - A representative of housing providers (TBC)
 - A representative of the business community (TBC)

¹ * Statutory Members of the Board

5.5 A number of people who were members of the Board in 2024-2025 (and in some cases for several years before that) have stood down recently. These include:

- Cllr Janet Clowes
- Kathryn Sullivan
- Mark Wilkinson
- Peter Skates
- Theresa Leavy
- Superintendent Claire Jesson
- Charlotte Wright
- Michelle Davis

We would like to thank them for their contribution to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

6 Access to Information

6.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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