

Cheshire East Statutory Health and Wellbeing Board

Terms of Reference As (approved 22/10/2015) :

1. Context

- 1.1 The full name shall be the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 1.2 The Board assumes statutory responsibility from April 2013.
- 1.3 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 and subsequent regulations provide the statutory framework for Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB).
- 1.4 For the avoidance of doubt, except where specifically disapplied by these Terms of Reference, the Council Procedure Rules (as set out in its Constitution) will apply.

2. Purpose

- To work in partnership to make a positive difference to the health and wellbeing of the residents of Cheshire East through an evidence based focus on improved outcomes and reducing health inequalities.
- To prepare and keep up to date the Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWSs), which is a duty of local authorities and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs).
- To lead integrated working between health and social care commissioners, including providing advice, assistance or other support to encourage arrangements under section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 (ie lead commissioning, pooled budgets and/or integrated provision) in connection with the provision of health and social care services.
- To lead close working between commissioners of health-related services and the board itself.
- To lead close working between commissioners of health-related services (such as housing and many other local government services) and commissioners of health and social care services
- Any other functions that may be delegated by the council under section 196(2) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Such delegated functions need not be confined to public health and social care.
- To provide advice assistance and support for the purpose of encouraging the making of arrangements under section 75 of the

National Health Service Act 2006 in connection with the provision of such services.

3. Roles and Responsibilities

- 3.1 To work together effectively to ensure the delivery of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 3.2 To work within the Board to build a collaborative partnership to key decision making that embeds health and wellbeing challenge, issue resolution and provides strategic system leadership.
- 3.3 To participate in Board discussions to reflect the views of their partner organisations, being sufficiently briefed to be able to make recommendations about future policy developments and service delivery.
- 3.4 To champion the work of the Board in their wider work and networks and in all individual community engagement activities.
- 3.5 To ensure that there are communication mechanisms in place within partner organisation[s] to enable information about the Health and Wellbeing Board's priorities and recommendations to be effectively disseminated.
- 3.6 To share any, changes to strategy, policy, and the system consequences of such on budgets and service delivery within their own partner organisations with the Board to consider the wider system implications.

4. Accountability

- 4.1 The Board carries no formal delegated authority from any of the individual statutory bodies.
- 4.2 Core Members of the board have responsibility and accountability to their individual duties and to their role on the Board.
- 4.3 The Board will discharge its responsibilities by means of recommendations to the relevant partner organisations, which will act in accordance with their respective powers and duties.
- 4.4 The Council's Core Members will ensure that they keep Cabinet and wider Council advised of the work of the Board.
- 4.5 The Board will report to Full Council and to both NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) Governing Bodies by ensuring access to meeting minutes and presenting papers as required.
- 4.6 The Board will not exercise scrutiny duties around health or adult social care services directly. This will remain the role of the Cheshire East Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee and in respect of children's health, the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Decisions taken and work progressed by the Board will be subject

to scrutiny by the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 4.7 The Board will provide information to the public through publications, local media, and wider public activities by publishing the minutes of its meetings on the Council's website. The Board is supported by an Engagement and Communications Network across Board organisations to ensure this function can operate successfully.

5. Membership

- 5.1 The Core membership of the Board will comprise the following:

Voting members:

- **Three** councillors from the local authority
- The Director of Adult Services
- The Director of Children's Services
- A local Healthwatch representative
- Two representatives of NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG
- Two representatives of NHS South Cheshire CCG
- Independent NHS representative (nominated by the CCGs)

Non-voting members

- The Chief Executive of the Council
- The Director of Public Health
- A nominated representative of NHS England

The councillor membership of the Board is nominated by the Executive Leader. The Executive Leader can be a member of the Board as one of the three councillors.

- 5.2 The Core Members will keep under review the Membership of the Board and if appropriate will make recommendations to Council on any changes to the Core Membership.
- 5.3 The above Core Members ¹ through a majority vote have the authority to appoint individuals as Non Voting Associate Members of the Board. (Committee Procedure Rule 20.1 refers). The length of their membership will be for up to one year and will be subject to re-selection at the next Annual General Meeting "AGM". Associate Members will assist the board in achieving the priorities agreed within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and may indeed be chairs of sub structure forums where they are not actual Core Members of the Board.
- 5.4 The above Core Members ² through a majority vote have the authority to recommend to Council that individuals be appointed as Voting Associate

¹ Regulation 5(1) removes this restriction in relation to health and wellbeing boards by disapplying section 104(1) of the 1972 Act to enable the local authority directors specified in the 2012 Act to become members of health and wellbeing boards

² Regulation 5(1) removes this restriction in relation to health and wellbeing boards by disapplying section

Members of the Board. The length of their membership will be for up to one year and will be subject to re-selection at the next Annual General Meeting “AGM”.

- 5.5 Each Core Member has the power to nominate a single named substitute. If a Substitute Member be required, advance notice of not less than 2 working days should be given to the Council whenever practicable. The Substitute Members shall have the same powers and responsibilities as the Core Members.

6. Frequency of Meetings

- 6.1 There will be no fewer than six public meetings per year (including an AGM), usually once every two months as a formal Board.
- 6.2 Additional meetings of the Board may be convened with agreement of the Board’s Chairman.

7. Agenda and Notice of Meetings

- 7.1 Any agenda items or reports to be tabled at the meeting should be submitted to the Council’s Democratic Services no later than seven working days in advance of the next meeting. No business will be conducted that is not on the agenda.
- 7.2 In accordance with the Access to Information legislation, Democratic Services will circulate and publish the agenda and reports prior to the next meeting. Exempt or Confidential Information shall only be circulated to Core Members.

8. Annual General Meeting

- 8.1 The Board shall elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman at each AGM, the appointment will be by majority vote of all Core Members present at the meeting.
- 8.2 The Board will approve the representative nominations by the partner organisations as Core Members.

9. Quorum

- 9.1 Any full meeting of the Board shall be quorate if there is representation of any four of the following statutory members: – NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG, NHS South Cheshire CCG, Local Health Watch, a Councillor and an Officer of Cheshire East Council.
- 9.2 Failure to achieve a quorum within fifteen minutes of the scheduled start of the meeting, or should the meeting become inquorate after it has started, shall mean that the meeting will proceed as an informal meeting but that any decisions shall require appropriate ratification at the next quorate meeting.

10. Procedure at Meetings

- 10.1 General meetings of the Board are open to the public and in accordance with the Council's Committee Procedure Rules will include a Public Question Time Session. Papers, agendas and minutes will be published on the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing website.
- 10.2 The Council's Committee Procedure Rules will apply in respect of formal meetings subject to the following:-
- 10.3 The Board will also hold development/informal sessions throughout the year where all members are expected to attend and partake as the agenda suggests.
- 10.4 Core Members are entitled to speak through the Chairman. Associate Members are entitled to speak at the invitation of the Chairman.
- 10.5 With the agreement of the Board, subgroups can be set up to consider distinct areas of work. The subgroup will be responsible for arranging the frequency and venue of their meetings. The Board will approve the membership of the subgroups.
- 10.6 Any recommendations of the subgroup will be made to the Board who will consider them in accordance with these terms of reference and their relevance to the priorities within the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and its delivery plan.
- 10.7 Whenever possible decisions will be reached by consensus or failing that a simple majority vote by those members entitled to vote.

11. Expenses

- 11.1 The partnership organisations are responsible for meeting the expenses of their own representatives.
- 11.2 A modest Board Budget will be agreed annually to support Engagement and Communication and the Business of the Board.

12. Conflict of Interest

- 12.1 In accordance with the Council's Committee Procedure Rules, at the commencement of all meetings all Board Members shall declare disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests and any conflicts of interest.
- 12.2 In the case of non pecuniary matters Members may remain for all or part of the meeting, participate and vote at the meeting on the item in question.
- 12.3 In the case of pecuniary matters Members must leave the meeting during consideration of that item.

13. Conduct of Core Members at Meetings

- 13.1 Board members will agree to adhere to the seven principles outlined in the Board Code of Conduct when carrying out their duties as a Board member [Appendix 1].

14. Review

- 14.1 The above terms of reference will be reviewed annually at the Health and Wellbeing Board AGM.
- 14.2 Any amendments shall only be included by consensus or a simple majority vote, prior to referral to the Constitution Committee and Council.

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Definition

Exempt Information

Which is information falling within any of the descriptions set out in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 subject to the qualifications set out in Part II and the interpretation provisions set out in Part III of the said Schedule in each case read as if references therein to “the authority” were references to “Board” or any of the partner organisations.

Confidential Information

Information furnished to, partner organisations or the Board by a government department upon terms (however expressed) which forbid the disclosure of the information to the public; and information the disclosure of which to the public is prohibited by or under any enactment or by the order of a court are to be discussed.

Conflict of Interest

You have a Conflict of interest if the issue being discussed in the meeting affects you, your family or your close associates in the following ways;

- *The issue affects their well being more than most other people who live in the area.*
- *The issue affect their finances or any regulatory functions and*
- *A reasonable member of the public with knowledge of the facts would believe it likely to harm or impair your ability to judge the public interest.*

Associate Members

Associate Member status is appropriate for those who are requested to chair sub groups of the board.

Health Services

Means services that are provided as part of the health service.

Health-Related Services *means services that may have an effect on the health of individuals but are not health services or social care services.*

Social Care Services

Means services that are provided in pursuance of the social services functions of local authorities (within the meaning of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970

Appendix 1

Cheshire East Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board Member Code of Conduct

1. Selflessness

Members of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board should act solely in terms of the interest of and benefit to the public/patients of Cheshire East. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other benefits for themselves, their family or their friends

2. Integrity

Members of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their duties and responsibilities as a Board member

3. Objectivity

In carrying out their duties and responsibilities members of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board should make choices based on merit and informed by a sound evidence base

4. Accountability

Members of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public/patients of Cheshire East and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate

5. Openness

Members of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board should be as transparent as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take as part of or on behalf of the Board. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands

6. Honesty

Members of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their responsibilities and duties as Board members and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest and integrity of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board

7. Leadership

Members of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board should promote and support these principles by leadership and example