

REPORT TO: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting:

Report of: Dr Heather Grimbaldston, Director of Public health

Subject/Title: The Health and Wellbeing Board – Future Priorities

1 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report highlights progress made by the Board over the last two years and proposed areas of focus the future.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board considers and comments upon the proposals for future priorities and agrees a way forward to drive action upon these.

3 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To improve the health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of Cheshire East and ensure the Health and Wellbeing Board delivers the statutory functions required of it by the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

4 Impact on Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

- 4.1 The work of the Board is central to ensuring that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy is drafted agreed and delivered and that its priorities are at the heart of the commissioning intentions of the Local Authority, the Clinical Commissioning Groups and where appropriate other commissioners.

5 Successes to date

- 5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board has received external endorsement in relation to a number of areas of activity¹. These included:
- The political commitment, vision and ownership of health improvement, clearly articulated by the Leader of the Council;
 - Good health outcomes for the majority of the population;

¹ Local Government Association Peer Challenge 18-21 November 2014

- A scale of ambition that is supported by a culture of innovation for example the Cheshire Integrated Health and Care Pioneer programme;
- Good senior partner relationships;
- A high level of focus on children's health and wellbeing within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Children's Improvement Plan and Public Health Annual Report;
- Good models of provider engagement in parts of the health and care system;
- The Joint Strategic Needs assessment being valued as a comprehensive compendium of intelligence across the system.

6 Future priorities

6.1 A facilitated workshop was held earlier in 2015 which most Board members as well as the Chair and Deputy Chair of Scrutiny were able to attend and some areas for future focus were considered:

- The Health and Wellbeing Strategy should be reviewed to ensure the identified priorities remain current (based upon the existing JSNA);
- Identify a small number of priorities that the board itself will focus it's time and attention on and that require collective leadership;
- A shared narrative should be developed that can be easily understood by partners and the wider community to explain how the Health and Wellbeing Board is going to make a difference;
- Quickly undertake a review of existing Programme Boards and partnership structures, to ensure they are fit for purpose, and to empower them to deliver on a mutually agreed set of outcomes;
- Identify new joint commissioning and financial accounting procedures to improve clarity of partner activities both singly and collectively to ensure open and transparent working that better enables both scrutiny bodies and the Public to hold the Partners of the HWBB to account.
- Hold partners to account for delivery on different elements of the HWB Strategy and develop a small set of metrics or key indicators to enable the Board to do this effectively;
- Consider investing in a joint Organisational Development programme to facilitate large scale change (note this is being considered through the pioneer Programme);
- Develop a more robust work-plan , investing time in agenda planning and agreeing how items appear on the agenda and consider how to best support the Board in it's future role;

- Create space and opportunities for meaningful discussion and debate, making greater use of informal meetings. Alongside this agree a public engagement and communication strategy beyond holding meetings in public;
- There should be consideration as to how best to engage with the public and Stakeholders to contribute to the identification of priorities.

6.2 The Board is asked to consider these future priorities and confirm, add to or amend to allow for the formulation of a revised future work-plan.

7 Access to Information

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

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