

Leicester City Health and Wellbeing Board

Terms of Reference

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Introduction

In line with the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Health & Wellbeing Board is established as a Committee of Leicester City Council.

The Health & Wellbeing Board operated in shadow form since August 2011. In April 2013, the Board became a formally constituted Committee of the Council with statutory functions and met for the first time on 11 April 2013.

1 Aim

To achieve better health, wellbeing and social care outcomes for Leicester City's population and a better quality of care for patients and other people using health and social services.

2 Objectives

- 2.1 To provide strong local leadership for the improvement of the health and wellbeing of Leicester's population and work to reduce health inequalities.
- 2.2 To lead on improving the strategic coordination of commissioning across NHS, adult social care, children's services and public health services.
- 2.3 To maximise opportunities for joint working and integration of services using existing opportunities and processes and prevent duplication or omission.
- 2.4 To provide a key forum for public accountability of NHS, Public Health, Adult Social Care and Children's Services and other commissioned services that the Health & Wellbeing Board agrees are directly related to health and wellbeing.

3 Responsibilities

- 3.1 Working jointly, to identify current and future health and wellbeing needs across Leicester City through revising the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) as and when required. Preparing the JSNA is a statutory duty of Leicester City Council and Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group.

- 3.2 Develop and agree the priorities for improving the health and wellbeing of the people of Leicester and tackling health inequalities.
- 3.3 Prepare and publish a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) that is evidence based through the work of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and supported by all stakeholders. This will set out strategic objectives, ambitions for achievement and how we will be jointly held to account for delivery. Preparing the JHWS is a statutory duty of Leicester City Council and Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 3.4 Save in relation to agreeing the JSNA, JHWS and any other function delegated to it from time to time, the Board will discharge its responsibilities by means of recommendation to the relevant partner organisations, who will act in accordance with their respective powers and duties.
- 3.5 Ensure that all commissioners of services relevant to health and wellbeing take appropriate account of the findings of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and demonstrate strategic alignment between the JHWS and each organisation's commissioning plans.
- 3.6 Ensure that all commissioners of services relevant to health and wellbeing demonstrate how the JHWS has been implemented in their commissioning decisions.
- 3.7 To monitor, evaluate and annually report on the Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group performance as part of the Clinical Commissioning Groups annual assessment by the national Commissioning Board.
- 3.8 Review performance against key outcome indicators and be collectively accountable for outcomes and targets specific to performance frameworks within the NHS, Local Authority and Public Health.
- 3.9 Ensure that the work of the Board is aligned with policy developments both locally and nationally.
- 3.10 Provide an annual report from the Health and Wellbeing Board to the Leicester City Council Executive and to the Board of Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group to ensure that the Board is publicly accountable for delivery.
- 3.11 Oversee progress against the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and other supporting plans and ensure action is taken to improve outcomes.
- 3.12 The Board will not exercise scrutiny duties around health and adult social care directly. This will remain the role of the relevant Scrutiny Commissions of Leicester City Council. Decisions taken and work progressed by the Health & Wellbeing Board will be subject to scrutiny by relevant Scrutiny Commissions of Leicester City Council.

- 3.13 The Board will need to be satisfied that all commissioning plans demonstrate compliance with the Equality Act 2010, improving health and social care services for groups within the population with protected characteristics and reducing health inequalities.
- 3.14 The Board will agree Better Care Fund submissions and have strategic oversight of the delivery of agreed programmes.

4 Membership

Members:

Up to five Elected Members of Leicester City Council (5)

- The Executive Lead Member for Health (1)
- Four Elected Members nominated by the City Mayor (4)

Up to seven representatives of the NHS (7)

- The Co -Chair of the Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (1)
- A further GP representative of the Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (1)
- The Chief Executive of the LLR Clinical Commissioning Groups (1)
- The Director of Strategic Transformation – NHS England & NHS Improvement – Midlands (1)
- The Independent Chair of the Integrated Care System (1)
- The Chief Executive of University Hospitals NHS Trust (1)
- The Chief Executive of Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (1)

Up to four Officers of Leicester City Council (4)

- The Strategic Director of Social Care and Education (Leicester City Council) (1)
- The Director of Public Health (Leicester City Council) (1)
- A Public Health Consultant leading on improving cross organisational initiatives and communication and developing links with the between system, place and neighbourhood within the Integrated Care System. (1)
- One Officer nominated by the Chief Operating Officer (1)

Up to eight further representatives including Healthwatch Leicester/Other Representatives (8)

- One representative of the Local Healthwatch organisation for Leicester City (1)
- Leicester City Local Policing Directorate, Leicestershire Police (1)
- The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Police and Crime Commissioner (1)
- Chief Fire and Rescue Officer, Leicestershire Fire & Rescue Service (1)
- Two other people that the local authority thinks appropriate, after consultation with the Health and Wellbeing Board (2)

- A representative of the city's sports community (1)
- A representative of the private sector/business/employers (1)

5 Quorum & Chair

5.1 For a meeting to take place there must be at least six members of the Board present and at least one representative from each of the membership sections:

- Leicester City Council (Elected Member)
- LLR Clinical Commissioning Group or NHS England & NHS Improvement - Midlands
- One senior officer Board Member from Leicester City Council
- Local Healthwatch/Other Representatives

5.2 Where a meeting is inquorate those members in attendance may meet informally but any decisions shall require appropriate ratification at the next quorate meeting of the Board.

5.3 Where any member of the Board proposes to send a substitute to a meeting, that substitute's name shall be properly nominated by the relevant 'parent' person/body and submitted to the Chair in advance of the meeting. The substitute shall abide by the Code of Conduct.

5.4 The City Council has nominated the Executive Lead for Health to Chair the Board. Where the Executive Lead for Health is unable to chair the meeting, then one of the other Elected Members shall chair (noting that at least one Elected Member must be present in order for the meeting to be declared quorate).

6 Voting

6.1 The City Council at its meeting on 29 May 2014 resolved to disapply Section 13(1A) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 such that the four local authority officers on the Board will not exercise voting rights.

6.2 Any representatives of bodies asked to attend meetings of the Board as 'Standing Invitees' by the Board shall not have a vote.

6.3 All other members will have an equal vote.

6.4 Decision-making will be achieved through consensus reached amongst those members present. Where a vote is required decisions will be reached through a majority vote of voting members; where votes are equal the chair will have a second and casting vote.

7 Code of conduct and member responsibilities

All voting members are required to comply with Leicester City Council's Code of Conduct, including each submitting a Register of Interest.

In addition, all members of the Board will commit to the following roles, responsibilities and expectations:

- 7.1 Commit to attending the majority of meetings.
- 7.2 Uphold and support Board decisions and be prepared to follow through actions and decisions obtaining the necessary financial approval from their organisation for the Board proposals and declaring any conflict of interest.
- 7.3 Be prepared to represent the Board at stakeholder events and support the agreed consensus view of the Board when speaking on behalf of the Board to other parties. Champion the work of the Board in their wider networks and in community engagement activities.
- 7.4 To participate in Board discussion to reflect views of their partner organisations, being sufficiently briefed to be able to make recommendations about future policy developments and service delivery.
- 7.5 To ensure that there are communication mechanisms in place within the partner organisations to enable information about the priorities and recommendation of the Board to be effectively disseminated.

8 Agenda and Meetings

- 8.1 Administration support will be provided by Leicester City Council.
- 8.2 There will be standing items on each agenda to include:
 - Declarations of Interest
 - Minutes of the Previous Meeting
 - Matters Arising
 - Updates from each of the working subgroups of the Health & Wellbeing Board.
- 8.3 Meetings will be held a minimum of four times a year and the Board will meet in public and comply with the Access to Information procedures as outlined in Part 4b of the Council's Constitution.