

Purpose

1. To outline the roles and activities of the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in the Health and Social Care Bill. It describes progress to date and includes information on the future work programme and the main groups which will support its function.

Information

2. The Health and Social Care Bill was introduced into Parliament on 19th January 2011. The Bill is a crucial part of the Government's vision to modernise the NHS so that it is built around patients, led by health professionals and focused on delivering world-class healthcare outcomes. Along with wider elements concerning the NHS, the Bill will give local authorities new duties in relation to public health. The Bill will also establish Health and Wellbeing Boards in all upper tier local authorities, to promote integrated health and care services and increase accountability.
3. Subject to the passing of the Health and Social Care Bill, the Bill will give local authorities the statutory responsibility to establish a health and wellbeing board with the following compulsory membership:
 - a. at least one councillor of the local authority
 - b. the director of adult social services for the local authority
 - c. the director of children's services for the local authority
 - d. the director of public health for the local authority
 - e. a representative of the Local Healthwatch Organisation for the area of the local authority
 - f. a representative of each relevant clinical commissioning group (CCG)

- g. such other persons, or representatives of such other persons, as the local authority thinks appropriate.
4. The Bill also determines the core statutory responsibilities for the Board. These are:
 - a. to prepare a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
 - b. to prepare a Health and Wellbeing Strategy to address the needs identified
 - c. to produce a Pharmaceuticals Needs Assessment
 - d. to promote integrated working between the NHS and local government as well as commissioners and providers of services which impact on the wider determinants of health
 - e. to provide advice, assistance or other support to encourage financial partnerships under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 in connection with the provision of such services.
 - f. to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of health-related services in its area to work closely with the Health and Wellbeing Board to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in its area and persons who arrange for the provision of any health-related services in its area to work closely together.
 5. Nottinghamshire County Council established a shadow Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2011. Membership and terms of reference are described in **Appendix One**.
 6. The Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has met four times between May and November 2011. Presentations have been made to the HWB on key areas of local need, such as dementia, substance misuse, all cause mortality and Children & Young People's issues. The discussions held around these subjects have been used to develop the Board members understanding of the future role of the HWB.
 7. Agenda items have also included strategic and governance issues, such as outcomes frameworks, and NHS QIPP (Quality Innovation, Productivity and Prevention) plans, which underpin the work of the Board.
 8. Work has commenced in support of two of the main functions of the Board; the production of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Nottinghamshire.

- a. A rapid refresh of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is being undertaken to review the local profile of need within Nottinghamshire.
 - b. a working group has been established to develop the initial Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWS.) The first version will be produced by April 2012 to reflect existing common priorities across the HWB member organisations.
 - c. All Clinical Commissioning Groups are due to present their draft commissioning intentions to the Board in January and March 2012 to support this process.
 - d. A longer term plan building on the JSNA refresh to include emerging priorities is being developed to progress this work beyond 2012.
9. Governance structures are currently being developed to support the HWB. This will ensure a coordinated approach across Health and Local Government and appropriate engagement with a range of stakeholders, including service providers. A proposal is being considered at the January HWB.
10. There is little national guidance on the expected future relationships between the HWB and scrutiny functions of the local authority; however discussion will take place during 2012-13 to determine local arrangements.
11. The role, activities and structures relating to the Health and Wellbeing Board will be reviewed in light of any changes to the content of the Health and Social Care Bill and transition to a statutory Board of the Council.

Recommendation:

Members are requested to consider and comment on the information provided.

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Background Papers: Nil

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APPENDIX ONE

At its meeting on 31st March 2011, Council agreed the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board for Nottinghamshire.

The membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board comprises:

COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Reg Adair
Mrs Kay Cutts
Martin Suthers OBE
Alan Rhodes
Stan Heptinstall MBE

DISTRICT COUNCILS

Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth
Councillor Tony Roberts

OFFICERS

David Pearson - Director of Adult Social Care, Health & Public Protection
Anthony May - Director of Children Young People and Families
Chris Kenny - Director of Public Health

CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUPS

Dr Steve Kell - Bassetlaw Commissioning Organisation
Dr Raian Shiekh – Mansfield & Ashfield CCG
Dr Mark Jefford - Newark & Sherwood CCG
Dr Tony Marsh - Nottingham North & East CCG
Dr Kelvin Lim - Nottingham West Consortium CCG
Dr Jeremy Griffiths - Principia, Rushcliffe CCG

LOCAL HEALTH WATCH

Jane Stubbings (Nottinghamshire County LINK)

NHS NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY & NHS Nottingham City

Dr Doug Black, Director of Commissioning Development.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The following Terms of Reference were approved at the Full Council meeting on the 31st March 2011.

- a) To prepare and publish a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of the population of Nottinghamshire.
- b) To prepare a Health and Wellbeing Strategy based on the needs identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and to oversee the implementation of the strategy.

- c) To ensure that commissioning plans have due regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- (d) To promote integrated working including joint commissioning in order to deliver cost effective services and appropriate choice. This will also include joint working with services that impact on wider health determinants.

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