

**24 September 2025**

**Agenda Item: 4**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR CUSTOMERS, GOVERNANCE  
AND EMPLOYEES**

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING  
BOARD**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To note the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board's current membership and to consider the inclusion of additional representatives, as outlined within the report.

**Information**

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 (as amended by the Health and Care Act 2022) requires each upper-tier and unitary local authority to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board to share leadership on the strategic approach to improving the health and wellbeing of local communities. The Board's Terms of Reference are set out in [Nottinghamshire County Council's Constitution](#).
3. The membership of the Board is required by legislation to include:
  - 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, and
  - f) a representative of each relevant Integrated Care Board (ICB);
  - g) and may in addition include such additional persons as the Board thinks appropriate, together with such other persons or representatives of such other persons as the local authority thinks appropriate.
4. Councillor Dr John Doddy was appointed as Chair of the Board for the 2025/26 municipal year by Nottinghamshire County Full Council on 22 May 2025. This was noted at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 25 June 2025.

5. The current membership of the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board is as follows:
  - a) Five Nottinghamshire County Councillors
  - b) One Councillor from each of the seven Nottinghamshire district and borough councils
  - c) One representative of the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board
  - d) Two representatives from each of the three Nottinghamshire NHS Place-Based Partnerships (Bassetlaw, Mid-Nottinghamshire and South Nottinghamshire).
  - e) One representative of Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
  - f) One representative of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Alliance
  - g) One representative of the Office of the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner
  - h) Three Nottinghamshire County Council officers (the Executive Director for Adult Social Care and Health, the Executive Director for Children and Families and the Director of Public Health and Communities).
6. The Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board Review, undertaken throughout 2024, identified a need to ensure the Board's membership supports it to effectively operate as a strategic partnership, in order to drive delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).
7. It specifically identified that a review of the Health and Wellbeing Board's membership should be undertaken once discussions to refine the Board's priorities had taken place. This prioritisation discussion is yet to be revisited by the Board, as it is proposed that it will be most appropriate to do so in tandem with the JHWS refresh. However, it is proposed there are some evident gaps within Board membership that can be addressed in the interim.
8. By reviewing the membership of neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards (including Nottingham, Leicester, Leicestershire, Derby and Derbyshire), alongside relevant feedback received through the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board Review, initial proposals have been outlined.
9. Firstly, a gap that has been identified is the lack of representation on the Board from Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service. The Fire and Rescue Service would add a vital perspective to the Board, through their unique position within communities and focus on prevention and community safety. The Service is also already represented on both the Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board and the Safer Nottinghamshire Partnership Board.
10. Another key gap that has been identified is the need for a strategic link into the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) through the HWB's membership. Therefore, it is proposed that a senior representative from EMCCA is considered for inclusion. EMCCA holds responsibility for a number of policy areas that intersect with priorities within the JHWS, in particular the ambition to create healthy and sustainable places. Therefore, representation on the HWB would support with ensuring strategic alignment between regional devolution priorities and local health and wellbeing objectives, acknowledging that this alignment will be emerging at this stage.

11. To bring a further place-shaping perspective, it is also proposed that the Nottinghamshire County Council Executive Director for Place is considered for inclusion in the HWB's membership. This proposal again relates to strengthening the Board's strategic leadership across the building blocks of health, recognising the Executive Director for Place's responsibilities in relation to spatial planning, transport, environment, and economic development, all of which directly influence population health and wellbeing.
12. There are further gaps to consider, in particular in terms of health representation on the Board, specifically as the lack of representation from NHS acute trusts was identified as a consideration by some Board members through the Health and Wellbeing Board Review. However, given the changing landscape around local health structures in light of the [10 Year Health Plan for England](#), it is proposed it would be most appropriate to consider any additional representatives once more clarity is available.
13. Therefore, to support delivery of the JHWS, it is proposed that the Board approves the inclusion as members of the Board of senior representatives from both EMCCA and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue, as well as the Nottinghamshire County Council Executive Director for Place, with further proposals to be brought to the Board in due course. It is proposed the representatives that should be included within the Board's membership from September 2025 are:
  - a) Damien West, Assistant Chief Fire Officer for Service Delivery, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
  - b) Jenni French, Interim Head of Reform and Inclusion, East Midlands Combined County Authority
  - c) Derek Higton, Executive Director for Place, Nottinghamshire County Council
14. This is with the understanding that the specific representative for EMCCA may change as the strategic authority continues to mature and its programme of work emerges, to allow for a consistent approach across Health and Wellbeing Boards within the EMCCA footprint.

### **Other Options Considered**

15. There is the option to not include the proposed additional representatives on the Health and Wellbeing Board. However, this is deemed not advisable as the proposed additions will improve the Health and Wellbeing Board's delivery of its statutory functions to improve health and wellbeing of residents in Nottinghamshire.

### **Reason for Recommendations**

16. The addition of the proposed representatives to the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board will support the delivery of its statutory duties to promote integrated working and improve the health and wellbeing of residents of Nottinghamshire.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

17. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty,

safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **Financial Implications**

18. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

## **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

19. The Nottinghamshire [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment \(JSNA\)](#) informs the focus of the Nottinghamshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Membership changes have been proposed with consideration as to how membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board can enable delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the addition to its membership of:
  - a) A senior representative, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
  - b) A senior representative, East Midlands Combined County Authority
  - c) Executive Director for Place, Nottinghamshire County Council

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## **Constitutional Comments (SF 08/09/2025)**

20. The Health and Wellbeing Board may decide to appoint 'such additional persons to be members of the Board as it thinks appropriate' (Health and Social Care Act 2012 section 194(8)). Accordingly, this matter falls within the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board to determine.

## **Financial Comments (PAA29 08/09/2025)**

21. There are no specific financial implications or Local Government Reorganisation implications arising directly from this report.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

## **Electoral Divisions and Members Affected**

- All