

Health & Wellbeing Board Summary – 1 October 2014

This meeting at a glance:

[Tobacco Control](#) – the Board signed up to a joint county & city wide declaration to reduce smoking

[Leaving Hospital Policy](#) – to support people to leave hospital when they're fit to go home

[Peer challenge](#) – the Board will be reviewed by an external panel of peers from other areas in February 2015

[Membership of the Board](#) has been reviewed to reflect the current political balance of the council. Councillor Kay Cutts (Cons) has replaced Councillor Kate Foale (Lab) as a County Council representative.

Board sign up to Nottinghamshire County & Nottingham City Tobacco Control Declaration



John Tomlinson, Deputy Director of Public Health gave the Board a briefing on the effect of tobacco use on health and the wider community, which remains public health enemy number one. He also presented the [Nottinghamshire County & Nottingham City Declaration on Tobacco Control](#) which is a ground breaking partnership commitment to reduce tobacco use.

All of the partner organisations represented at the Board are considering signing up to the declaration – with the more the merrier – because the more organisations that sign up, the greater impact this initiative will have.

For each organisation, the declaration should be underpinned by an individualised action plan. A list of suggested actions can be used as a 'pick & mix' to make sure that action plans suit each organisation that signs up - from having smokefree workplace champions to including tobacco control measures in contracts for commissioned services. There are local and national actions to support the declaration including working with schools & local employers, lobbying MPs for legislative changes, designated smoke free open spaces and increasing the availability of stop smoking advice & information.

The declaration has already been signed by the [Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board](#).

The Nottinghamshire Board unanimously supported the declaration which Councillor Bosnjak signed on their behalf. Members shared some practical ideas and thoughts relating to how their own organisation can support this going forward, agreeing to report back at a future meeting about their own organisations action plans. District & borough councils agreed to work together to make sure their plans were consistent.

The Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control is being taken to the full council meeting in November with the hope that the County Council will sign up to this national declaration.

Anthony May agreed to act as the Health & Wellbeing Board champion for tobacco control.

Anyone who would like more information about the Declaration should contact: Lindsay Price, Senior Public Health Manager: Lindsay.Price@nottscc.gov.uk

Leaving Hospital Policy

The Board considered a Leaving Hospital Policy which is being applied across the south of the county. Similar policies are being considered in mid-Notts & Bassetlaw. The policy has been prepared in consultation with representatives from health & social care as well as patient groups.

The policy aims to support patients to be discharged from hospital as soon as they are medically fit, recognising that while some people feel safe in hospital it is not the best place to recover from illness.

The policy will mean that health & social care will have to work together to make sure that people have support available when they are fit to be discharged & that that information is provided to patients & carers when they are admitted to hospital.

The Board supported the policy & suggested that it should be extended to mental health wards. They also recognised that while it may release capacity within hospitals it may result in pressure within community & social care & asked for more information to be presented about how the policy would impact on resources.

Peer challenge

The Board has been accepted onto a national [Peer Challenge programme](#) which is being lead by the Local Government Association. It will involve a review by a panel of people from outside the county who will reflect the make-up of the Board & include reps from upper tier authorities, NHS England, district councils, clinical commissioning groups & Healthwatch.

The process will focus on governance arrangements, Board member relationships & ownership, communication & engagement with stakeholders, reaching consensus & further development needs.

An initial meeting will take place in October with representatives from the Board & the peer panel before a timetable is issued for the review which will take place between 3 & 6 February 2015.

Chairs report

The report included the [Mental Health Concordat](#) & Nottinghamshire's 'Wellbeing@work' workplace award scheme.

They also noted that the next [Stakeholder Network](#) event would be on Monday 10 November & would focus on homelessness.

1 Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 December 2014 at 2pm.