

### Terms of Reference for Health & Wellbeing Partnership

#### Operating Principles

The Health and Wellbeing Partnership will operate in a spirit of open and honest dialogue. Each member will be an equal and active member.

The Partnership will operate as the “work horse” of the Board. There will be interconnected arrangements including at least biannual meetings of both the Board and Partnership to ensure strong delivery against the strategy and commissioning arrangements.

#### Objectives

- To ensure a joined-up approach to the planning and delivery of services to improve the health and wellbeing of all our communities and to address inequalities where they exist.
- Lead the preparation/ refresh of the JSNA. To be a critical connector across the system, to improve the needs led approach to improving wellbeing in the borough.
- Actively engage in the development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). To engage all stakeholders across independent, voluntary and community sectors on the JSNA / JHWS / and specific work streams, as identified by the Partnership or Board.
- To ensure integrated working across systems, pathways, organisations for the benefit of addressing health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing.
- To develop the necessary framework to engage all stakeholders. To be a consultation link, to enable the identification of community issues to feed into the needs assessment and strategy.
- To receive reports from the various substructures to ensure progress is made on the JSNA / JHWS.
- To maintain clear accountability, and liaison with a range of bodies including the Children and Young People’s Health and Wellbeing Group, Local Safeguarding Boards, Local Strategic Partnership, NHS Commissioning Board and the statutory bodies.

- The Partnership will review its Terms of Reference annually, and will develop and review a partnership improvement plan to ensure it is fit for purpose. It will develop its sub-structures and keep them aligned with developments within Clinical Commissioning, Stockton Borough Council and other stakeholders