

Appendix 1

Terms of Reference for Health & Wellbeing Board

Vision

The Board will aim to improve and protect the nation's health and to improve the health of the poorest fastest.

Operating Principles

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is a Committee of the Council and is accountable to the Council.

The HWB will provide the strategic lead, and will coordinate a partnership approach for the delivery of the vision, encompassing a preventive approach to care and wellbeing for adults, families and communities working across the NHS, social care and related children's and public health services. It will be responsible for ensuring that the model for Stockton is fit for purpose and meets its statutory requirements.

It will develop the appropriate substructures that enable HWB to discharge its responsibilities in improving and protecting the Borough's health. A key function will be the development of the Partnership, which will be 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.

The arrangements will operate in a spirit of open and honest dialogue and collective responsibility for taking decisions. The Health and Wellbeing Board / Partnership will operate within the delegated authority of its parent organisations.

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.
- To prepare and review the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- To consider, prepare and review the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) based on the JSNA, spanning the NHS, social care and public health and wider determinants such as housing and education and ensure health and social care sign up to the strategy. This strategy will provide the framework for the development of appropriate commissioning plans aligned to the strategy.

- To review and monitor commissioning plans developed by Clinical Commissioning Group, Public Health, Social Care to ensure that they have due regard to the JHWS.
- To maximise the opportunity to make use of pooled budgets and joint commissioning arrangements to meet the needs of the local population aligned to the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- To agree the framework for engaging all stakeholders, which recognises the role of the independent, voluntary and community sectors and ensures that the public are consulted on health and wellbeing issues, including the needs assessment and strategy.
- To monitor and evaluate the strategies and related performance through a relevant set of indicators and measures and to report on progress to all stakeholders including public health outcome requirements.
- 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 Board 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.