

Title of Report:	Update on Health and Wellbeing Board
Report to be considered by:	Health Scrutiny Panel
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Purpose of Report: To update Health Scrutiny Panel on the progress of work to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board

Recommended Action: To note the actions that have been taken to ensure a fully functioning Health and Wellbeing Board is in place by April 2013

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Executive Report

1. Background

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Bill has legislated for how the reforms set out in the NHS and Public Health white papers are to be put into practice. The overarching aim is to ensure that services are joined up around the needs of the people who use them, and resources are used to improve outcomes.
- 1.2 Each local authority with responsibility for social services is required to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) as a statutory committee of the local authority by April 2013.

2. Introduction

- 2.1 HWBs are to bring together elected representatives and key NHS, public health and social care leaders along with representatives of the patient population to work in partnership.
- 2.2 To achieve the most effective integration and joint action, core members of the board must include GP consortia, the Director of Adult Services, the Director of Children's Services, the Director of Public Health (DPH) and a representative of the local HealthWatch. There must be a minimum of at least one locally elected representative.
- 2.3 Members of the HWB will need to have delegated authority to make decisions and commit their agency to specific courses of action, including committing resources.
- 2.4 Through the core membership of the HWB there will be a requirement to develop the understanding of local need through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and to oversee the development and implementation of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).

3. Progress

- 3.1 In West Berkshire a HWB has been in place in shadow form acting as the steering group to oversee the establishment of the fully functioning board by April 2013, since June 2011. The board has agreed to meet six times per year and membership as follows:
 - Leader of the Council (Chair)
 - Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care
 - Portfolio holder for Children and Young People
 - Portfolio Holder for Public Protection
 - Corporate Director for Communities
 - Director of Public Health

- Director of Joint Commissioning NHS Berkshire
- Representative of Newbury and Reading North West Clinical Commissioning Group
- LINK Chair (Healthwatch representative)

- 3.2 There are an agreed set of key responsibilities and functions for the board which are reviewed periodically, along with membership, to reflect local and national developments.
- 3.3 Routinely the board is updated on the development of the JSNA and JHWS, authorisation process for CCGs, NHS commissioning cycle and the establishment of Healthwatch which is also required by April 2013.
- 3.4 In addition there have been specific presentations from public health, work on dementia and national support for available for the development of HWBs.
- 3.5 At Head of Service level there is representation in the regional grouping associated with the Health and Social Care Partnership, providing specific support for the development of HWBs. Via this route it has been confirmed that progress in WBC is broadly in line with the rest of the country.
- 3.6 Main agenda item at the next meeting of the Board in June will be the presentation of a first draft of the JHWS, plus the consultation and engagement plan.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 West Berkshire has made good progress in meeting the new requirement for a HWB. The opportunity of working across health and social care is already evident through the development of the JHWS. The adoption of this strategy, alongside supporting CCGs in attaining authorisation as part of the first wave, will be key tasks over the coming months as we move towards a fully functioning board structure.

Appendices

There are no Appendices to this report.