

Health and Wellbeing Board

26th November 2015

Questions and Answers



WestBerkshire
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Public Questions as specified in the Council's Procedure Rules of the Constitution

No public questions were submitted in relation to items not included on the agenda.

Members' Questions as specified in the Council's Procedure Rules of the Constitution

(a) Question submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board by Councillor Adrian Edwards:

"Will this Health and Wellbeing Board consider appointing a senior executive from the Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to the Board?"

Bracknell Forest District Council in Berkshire have benefitted from appointing a senior BHFT executive to their H & W Board as it has significantly strengthened their capacity to address their health aspects of their brief, as it has done in other areas outside Berkshire. If this Board was to invite BHFT to provide a representative, the Trust would nominate one of its Board level Executive Directors to take on this responsibility."

The Chairman for the Health and Wellbeing Board answered:

The Governance for the Health and Wellbeing Board was reviewed in 2014 and that stage the size of the Board had been considered. It was agreed that the Board should remain at 13 in order of keeping it at a manageable size to retain its ability to make timely and informed decisions.

Berkshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust was a provider and not having it as a formal Member of the Board helped keep the commissioning and provider role separated. The Berkshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (along with other provider organisations) would however be welcome to attend the Board if an appropriate item was being discussed, or if there was a particular piece of work they would like discussed.

Councillor Adrian Edwards asked the following supplementary question:

"Would Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust be able to bring a presentation to a meeting of the Board in the future?"

The Chairman for the Health and Wellbeing Board answered:

He would have to check with the Board however, as Chairman he would welcome a presentation that would keep the Board informed and offer a wider perspective.