

Appendix 1

Telford & Wrekin Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference

The Committee has the responsibility on behalf of the Council in respect of public health and health and wellbeing responsibilities within the Borough.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is responsible for guiding and overseeing:
 - 1.1. The ongoing development of the joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA)
 - 1.2. Developing a high-level joint health and wellbeing strategy based upon the findings of the JSNA
 - 1.3. The establishment of sound joint commissioning arrangements
 - 1.4. The development of HealthWatch forum for public and patient engagement and involvement
 - 1.5. Public Health responsibilities and arrangements in the local authority
2. The Health and Wellbeing Board will provide a key forum for public accountability of NHS, social care for adults and children and other commissioned services that the Health and Wellbeing Board agrees are directly related to health and wellbeing in Telford and Wrekin.
3. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a duty to encourage integrated working between local health, social care and health-related commissioners.
4. The Health and Wellbeing Board will work with, and receive reports from, the Children, Young People and Families Board, Community Safety Partnership, Better Care Fund Management Group and the Living Well Board.
5. The Health and Wellbeing Board will have a link to the overarching Telford and Wrekin Local Strategic Partnership but will also very much function in its own right. In addition it will link with the existing adult and children safeguarding boards in order to ensure the focus on the improved health and wellbeing outcomes for the whole population of Telford and Wrekin.
6. The Health and Wellbeing Board will lead on the development of a Telford and Wrekin Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for residents which drives health improvement, plans to deliver this strategy and keeps the implementation of these plans under review.
7. Through the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Health and Wellbeing Board will oversee a commissioning programme of service and/or pathway redesign to better meet the needs of patients and service users and to deliver improved outcomes. Successful delivery of this will be dependent on the Health and Wellbeing Board developing effective management mechanisms with both primary care and secondary care providers where relevant or appropriate.
8. The Health and Wellbeing Board will link into the Local Strategic Partnership, Strategic Boards and associated Partnership Boards, making recommendations to Full Council, NHS England, and the Clinical Commissioning Group Board, as appropriate.
9. The Health and Wellbeing Board will analyse the priorities for deployment of health and care resources in the area based on information collected through the JSNA and other sources.

10. The Health and Wellbeing Board will consider options and opportunities to maximise the impact of aligning the deployment of resources of the health and care agencies in the area on agreed priorities. This will include the joint commissioning of health and social care services for children, families, and adults in Telford and Wrekin, to meet identified needs and to consider any relevant plans and strategies regarding joint commissioning of health and social care services for children and adults.

11. The Health and Wellbeing Board will oversee the development of this proposed joint commissioning activity, ensuring any proposed activity is aligned with local priorities and levels of need and is undertaken within available resources. To consider options for joint commissioning and procurement between relevant organisations to support this work.

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board will oversee all areas of health and social care commissioning activity for people of all ages, to ensure that commissioning priorities are in line with those set through analysis of the JSNA and the local Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This commissioning activity includes all local services commissioned by Telford and Wrekin CCG, Telford and Wrekin Council, Joint Commissioning CCG/Council, Public Health England and NHS England, which could include local specialised services; secondary dental care; general dental services; GP services; general ophthalmic services; pharmaceutical services; any services for the Armed forces or Offenders; and other primary care.

13. The Health and Wellbeing Board will keep under review, the financial and organisational implications of joint and integrated working across health and social care services, ensuring that performance and quality standards for health and social care services to children, families and adults are met and represent value for money across the whole system.

14. The Health and Wellbeing Board will identify and act upon changes that may be required following any new guidance in relation to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

15. The Health and Wellbeing Board will propose recommendations, as appropriate to:

15.1. Telford and Wrekin Council's Full Council

15.2. NHS England Board

15.3. Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group Board

16. The Health and Wellbeing Board will ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board works to promote the achievement of the objectives of the organisations represented on the Board, including the Council's health improvement responsibilities.

General

17. Annually at the first meeting after the Annual Council Meeting consider its terms of reference

PROCEDURE

General

1. Unless specifically provided for in these Terms of Reference the Council Procedure Rules govern the way that committees operate but these may be varied or suspended¹ at the discretion of the Chairman of the Committee in the interests of efficient and effective management of the committee.

¹ With the exception of paragraph 12

Membership

2. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board will comprise representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group, Telford & Wrekin Council, HealthWatch and NHS England Local Area Team. The core members are:

2.1. Cabinet Member responsible for Public Health and Public Protection (Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board)

2.2. Cabinet Member for Adult and Social Care

2.3. Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families

2.4. Cabinet Member for Leisure Services and Culture

2.5. Director responsible for Adult Social Care

2.6. Director responsible for Children's Services

2.7. Director of Public Health

2.8. NHS England Local Area Team representative

2.9. Chair of Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) (Vice Chair Health and Wellbeing Board)

2.10. Non-Executive Director from Clinical Commissioning Group

2.11. Chief Officer from Clinical Commissioning Group

2.12. Representative of local HealthWatch

2.13. Chair of the Community Safety Partnership

2.14. Each opposition Group with 4 or more elected members shall have one place on the Health and Wellbeing Board with voting rights.

2.15. Such other persons, or representatives of such other persons, as the Local Authority thinks appropriate

3. Attendance and support from such other persons, according to the agenda, including:

3.1. Assistant Directors responsible for Commissioning (AD Family, Cohesion and Commissioning)

3.2. Executive Lead for Commissioning, CCG

4. This reflects the statutory minimum membership in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

5. The members of the Board will be advised and supported by officers from the local authority and CCG.

6. Members agree to share all relevant information and data, to allow performance, and other joint working arrangements, to be properly monitored and managed.

Disqualification for Membership

7. Any person who would be disqualified from being able to stand for election as a councillor will be disqualified from being a member of a committee or sub-committee of a local authority. The regulations state that these disqualifications will be retained for Health and Wellbeing Board, but the regulations will ensure the disqualifications do not apply to Health and Wellbeing Board in so far as they cover disqualifications in respect of members of the board holding any paid employment or office in the local authority – this allows the Directors of Adult Social Services, Children's Services and Public Health to be formal members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

8. The following disqualifications will be retained for members of the Health and Wellbeing Board:

8.1. Being the subject of a bankruptcy restrictions order or interim order

8.2. Having been convicted in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man of any offence and has had passed a sentence of imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for a period of not less than three months without the option of a fine.

Voting Rights

9. All Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be able to vote alongside the elected representatives. This applies to any additional board members appointed in addition to the statutory membership set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

Meetings

10. The Health and Wellbeing Board will meet quarterly. Dates and times of meetings will be agreed and published in advance.

11. Agendas and supporting papers will be issued at least five clear days before each meeting and action notes will be produced, confirmed as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

12. Members of the public and press will have access to the meetings. A Protocol will be developed and agreed by Health and Wellbeing Board.

13. There will be a public speaking section at each Health and Wellbeing Board meeting. A procedure for public speaking at the Health and Wellbeing Board is in place and is available on the Council's website or by contacting Democratic Services.

Quorum

14. Quorum of one quarter is required, with a minimum of one Councillor Board member from Telford and Wrekin Council and one Board member from the CCG required in attendance.

Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interest

15. The Health and Wellbeing Board will adopt the Council's code of conduct. Any interests in item(s) on the agenda should be declared at the start of the meeting.

Access to Information/Transparency Provisions

16. Meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be held in public, although the press and public may be excluded during consideration of any matter which would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

17. The agenda and papers for meetings of the Board, except for any documents that may disclose confidential or exempt information, will be made available for public inspection five days before the meeting.

Reporting Mechanisms/Accountability

18. The Health and Wellbeing Board, as a Committee of the Council, will report to Full Council.

19. The Health and Wellbeing Board will regularly update the Telford and Wrekin Local Strategic Partnership with its progress and specific contributions to achieving the vision and priorities of Telford and Wrekin.

20. The actions of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be subject to independent scrutiny by the relevant members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Council.

21. The Board will review its structure, membership and activities in response to any further guidance.

Establishment of Sub-Committees

22. The Health and Wellbeing Board will be able to establish sub-committees and delegate functions to them.

Scrutiny

23. Health scrutiny function and powers will be delegated by Full Council to the relevant Scrutiny Committee and the power of referral to the Secretary of State is also delegated to the relevant Scrutiny Committee. The relevant Scrutiny Committee will notify Full Council of an intention to refer a matter to the Secretary of State before a referral is made.