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The Hackney Health and Wellbeing Board is a strategic, multi agency partnership board, carrying out duties conferred by the Health and Care Act (2022) and the National Health Service Act (2006). It brings together the Local Authority, the Integrated Commissioning Board, with local Healthwatch and other partners, in order to improve the commissioning of health and social care services and improve the health of the local population. Alongside its duty to improve commissioning of these, the Board also has responsibility for promoting integration between health and social care.

The Board brings together senior stakeholders and local representatives to strategically plan the commissioning of the right health and social care services for adults and children in Hackney, highlighting the most cost-effective ways to enable Hackney residents to live longer, healthier, safer, happier lives. The Board promotes the integration of services where this will promote more accessible, efficient and cost effective solutions to the challenges that the residents of Hackney face.

To carry out the duties and responsibilities of a Health and Wellbeing Board, in particular:

1. To encourage integrated working between commissioners of NHS, public health and social care services for the advancement of the health and wellbeing of the local population;
2. To provide advice, assistance or other support in order to encourage partnership arrangements such as the development of pooled budgets or make lead commissioning arrangements;
3. To, for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the people in its area, encourage persons who arrange for the provision of health or social care services in its area to work in an integrated manner;
4. To provide advice, assistance or other support as it thinks appropriate for the purpose of encouraging arrangements. These are arrangements under which, for example, NHS Bodies and local authorities agree to exercise specified functions of each other or pool funds;
5. To discharge the functions of the Integrated Commissioning Board and the Local Authority in preparing joint strategic needs assessments (JSNA) and joint health wellbeing strategies (JHWS);

6. To, where appropriate, recommend Full Council to extend its functions relating to wider determinants of health, such as housing, that affect the health and wellbeing of the population. To inform the Local Authority of its views on whether the authority is discharging its duty to have regard to the JSNA and JHWS in discharging its functions;
7. To discharge any non-executive function to enable it to carry out its statutory duties as Full Council may from time to time choose to delegate.
8. To prepare and publish a pharmaceutical needs assessment.
9. A duty to exercise functions with regard to the need to reduce inequalities between patients in outcomes and access to services.

Additional, non-statutory functions of the HWB include:

1. Lead and have oversight of system action to improve the health of the local population (beyond patients and service users) and reduce health inequities, through
  - tackling the wider determinants of health by promoting and embedding Health in All Policies across system partners
  - providing oversight of public health strategies and plans that include key aims to improve health and/or reduce inequalities.
2. Ensure a Health and Wellbeing Board work plan is implemented, reviewed and updated.
3. Establish relevant sub-groups or sub committees, determine their work programmes and ensure these are kept on track.
4. Ensure that [Cabinet](#), the Integrated Commissioning Board and other members' boards are kept informed of progress and work of the board.
5. To receive the annual public health report/public health issues.
6. Have oversight of Hackney HealthWatch Plans and receive its Annual Report.
7. To receive regular Community Voice presentations from Healthwatch Hackney, in order to ensure the experience of service users and residents is considered by the Board.
8. Communicate the work of the Board to all Hackney residents and other stakeholders, through its website and publications.

9. Agree and maintain a procedure for questions from members of the public.

The [quorum](#) for the Board will be at least 4 members, to include at least one Co-[Chair](#) and a [Councillor](#).

The Board will act in accordance with the [Access to Information procedure](#) rules set out in [Part 6C](#) of the Constitution.

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