

Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board –Terms of Reference

Sandwell's Health and Wellbeing Board is a statutory Board and the Council's main forum to enable key stakeholders including councillors, local GPs, council officers and members from the faith and voluntary sectors to help improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and work towards reducing health inequalities in Sandwell.

1.1 Key Aims

In line with proposals in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, to:-

- i) Secure better health and wellbeing outcomes, promoting independence, choice and control for the whole population;
- ii) ensure a joined-up approach on commissioning priorities across NHS, public health, social care for adults and children and related services;
- iii) encourage greater integration across health, social care and related services to improve health and wellbeing outcomes;
- iv) stimulate delivery of health and wellbeing priorities, focusing on 'People' and 'Place' and promoting a sense of Civic pride;
- v) monitor progress on delivery of agreed joint strategic priorities, holding individual partners to account.

2. Objectives

2.1 Policy and Strategy Development

2.1.1 Ensure that local plans are in place to comply with legislation and national policy guidance, whilst adopting a lobbying role on any specific issues of concern.

2.1.2 Comply with the statutory requirements in relation to:-

- development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (by the local authority and clinical commissioning groups) and determining how identified needs will be addressed;
- development of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (by the local authority and clinical commissioning groups) that spans NHS, social care and public health priorities and the wider determinants of health, taking a key role in overseeing delivery;

- development of Sandwell's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
- considering the extent to which needs can be met more effectively by the further development of arrangements under Section 75 National Health Service Act 2006 (flexibilities – lead commissioning, pooled budgets, integrated provision); including potential for the Board to be the vehicle for lead commissioning of particular services;
- encouraging those who arrange the provision of health and social care services in Sandwell to work in an integrated manner; also adopting a similar approach with other health-related services e.g. transport and housing where appropriate;
- undertaking any additional functions that have been, or may be, delegated to the Board by the local authority itself, or at the request of NHS England or the Black Country Integrated Care Board (ICB).
- involving people, partners and providers of the Board in engagement, communications and listening exercises to ensure they are able to influence Board work. This will be reflected in the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- providing views on clinical commissioning groups as part of NHS England's authorisation and annual assessment processes (e.g. how boundaries support joint working with the local authority; and their contribution towards delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy).

2.1.3 Progress cross-cutting priorities through the existing joint working arrangements, to influence policy on healthy urban development, economic position and community safety issues.

2.1.4 Establishing relationships with health and wellbeing boards and other relevant strategic boards in neighbouring areas. This will be to support wider approaches to improving health, reducing inequalities and the integration of services. This will include the West Midlands Combined Authority.

2.1.5 Develop an annual work programme tied into budget planning cycles that focuses on outcomes and shared goals, including:-

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (including the pharmaceutical needs assessment);

- Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- Black Country ICB commissioning plans, including joint commissioning priorities with the local authority (Board to be involved throughout the process of development);
- SMBC commissioning plans for adult social care, children and families and associated service areas;
- Annual Public Health Report;
- Key documents relating to children and families' agenda e.g. Children, Young People and Families' Plan;
- Other major cross-cutting national strategies;

2.1.6 Adopt a learning and organisational development approach by considering partner contributions to key health issues and areas of importance to the local authority;

2.1.7 To establish sub groups as required undertaking work for the Board.

2.2 Service Delivery

2.2.1 Ensure an integrated approach is taken on implementing the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and other key strategic plans, as determined by the Board.

2.2.2 Schedule time within the annual work programme for focused discussion to take place on individual strategic priorities, enabling key decisions to be reached and progress to be monitored.

2.2.3 Ensure that mechanisms are in place for information on delivery plan priorities and progress reporting to be included within the Council's information management system (Performance+) and the Black Country ICB performance and reporting mechanisms.