

## ***Governance Arrangements for the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board***

### **Role**

The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) leads and advises on work to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Kent through joined up commissioning across the NHS, social care, public health and other services (that the HWB agrees are directly related to health and wellbeing) in order to:

- secure better health and wellbeing outcomes in Kent
- reduce health inequalities and
- ensure better quality of care for all patients and care users

The HWB has a primary responsibility to make sure that health care services paid for by public monies are provided in a cost-effective manner.

The HWB also aims to increase the role of elected representatives in health and provide a key forum for public accountability for NHS, public health, social care and other commissioned services that relate to people's health and wellbeing.

### **Terms of Reference:**

The HWB:

1. Commissions and endorses the Kent Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), subject to final approval by relevant partners, if required.
2. Commissions and endorses the Kent Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) to meet the needs identified in the JSNA, subject to final approval by relevant partners, if required.
3. Commissions and endorses the Kent Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, subject to final approval by relevant partners, if required.
4. Reviews the commissioning plans for healthcare, social care (adults and children's services) and public health to ensure that they have due regard to the JSNA and JHWS, and to take appropriate action if it considers that they do not.
5. Has oversight of the activity of its sub committees (Clinical Commissioning Group level Health and Wellbeing Boards), focussing on their role in developing integrated local commissioning strategies and plans.
6. Works alongside the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) to ensure that substantial variations in service provision by health care providers are appropriately scrutinised. The HWB itself will be subject to scrutiny by the HOSC.
7. Considers the totality of the resources in Kent for health and wellbeing and considers how and where investment in health improvement and prevention services could improve the overall health and wellbeing of Kent's residents.
8. Discharges its duty to encourage integrated working with relevant partners within Kent, which includes:
  - endorsing and securing joint arrangements, including integrated commissioning where agreed and appropriate;
  - use of pooled budgets for joint commissioning (s75);

- the development of appropriate partnership agreements for service integration, including the associated financial protocols and monitoring arrangements;
  - making full use of the powers identified in all relevant NHS and local government legislation.
9. Works with existing partnership arrangements, e.g. children's commissioning, safeguarding and community safety, to ensure that the most appropriate mechanism is used to deliver service improvement in health, care and health inequalities.
  10. Considers and advises Care Quality Commission CQC and NHS Commissioning Board; monitors providers in health and social care with regard to service reconfiguration.
  11. Works with the HOSC and/or provides advice (as and when requested) to the County Council on service reconfigurations that may be subject to referral to the Secretary of State on resolution by the full County Council.
  12. Is the focal point for joint working in Kent on the wider determinants of health and wellbeing, such as housing, leisure facilities and accessibility, in order to enhance service integration.
  13. Reports to the full County Council on an annual basis on its activity and progress against the milestones set out in the Key Deliverables Plan.
  14. Develops and implements a communication and engagement strategy for the work of the HWB; outlining how the work of the HWB will:
    - reflect stakeholders' views
    - discharge its specific consultation and engagement duties
    - work closely with Local HealthWatch.
  15. Represents Kent in relation to health and wellbeing issues in local areas as well as nationally and internationally.
  16. May delegate those of its functions it considers appropriate to another committee established by one or more of the principal councils in Kent to carry out specified functions on its behalf for a specified period of time (subject to prior agreement and meeting the HWB's agreed criteria).

### **Membership**

The Chairman is elected by the HWB.

#### 1. Kent County Council:

- The Leader of Kent County Council and/or their nominee\*
- Executive Director for Families and Social Care\*
- Director of Public Health\*
- Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health
- Cabinet Member for Business Strategy, Performance and Health Reform
- Cabinet Member for Specialist Children's Services

2. Clinical Commissioning Group: up to a maximum of two representatives from each consortium\*
3. A representative of the local HealthWatch\* organisation for the area of the local authority.
4. A representative of the NHS Commissioning Board Local Area Team.\*
5. Three elected Members representing the Kent District/Borough/City councils (nominated through the Kent Council Leaders).
6. *Any other persons or representatives as the HWB considers appropriate may be co-opted with the agreement of the Board. Such co-optees will be non-voting members of the Board and their membership will be reviewed annually by the Board*

\*denotes statutory member.