

Item 4: Health and Wellbeing Board – Update & Strategy

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Subject: Kent Health and Wellbeing Board – Update & Strategy

Summary: This report invites the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the information provided on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

It provides additional background information which may prove useful to Members.

1. Introduction

(a) Each upper tier and unitary authority has a statutory Health and Wellbeing Board. The Health and Social Care Act identifies the statutory membership of the HWB as:

- At least one councillor of the upper tier local authority – Leader of the Council and/or their nominee;
- Representative of each relevant Clinical Commissioning Group (one person may represent more than one CCG with the agreement of the HWB);
- Director of Adult Social Services;
- Director of Children’s Services;
- Director of Public Health;
- Representative of the Local Healthwatch Organisation;
- Such other persons or representatives as the local authority thinks appropriate; and
- NHS England (for the JSNA, HWB Strategy and matters relating to the commissioning functions of NHS England).

(b) The HWB is responsible for producing a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). JSNAs are assessments of current and future health and social care needs in a particular area alongside an identification of the assets the local community has to meet the identified need. The JHWS set out how the needs will be met, in the context of identified priorities, as well as enabling the HWB to encourage integrated working between health, public health and social care commissioners. Both documents are to inform local authority and NHS commissioning plans. Where plans are not in line, an explanation must be provided.

(c) It is also responsible for the production of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).

2. Recommendation

RECOMMENDED that Mr Gough be thanked for his attendance at the meeting, and that he be requested to take note of the comments made by Members during the meeting and he be invited to attend a meeting of the Committee in nine months' time.

Background Documents

Health and Social Care Act 2013,
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/contents/enacted>

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