

REPORT TO: Health & Wellbeing Board
DATE: 18th January 2023
REPORTING OFFICER: Director of Public Health
PORTFOLIO: Health and Wellbeing
SUBJECT: Health and Wellbeing Board Guidance
WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To bring the new Health and Wellbeing Board guidance to the attention of all members, to provide an opportunity to consider these and discuss any implications.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:**

i) To note the content of the report and attached guidance document

3.0 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 In November 2022, the Department of Health and Social Care set out new guidance for all Health and Wellbeing Boards in the light of changes to the NHS and in particular the establishment of Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and Integrated Care Systems. (ICSSs)

3.2 The guidance is to support the ICB and ICP leaders, local authorities and Health and Wellbeing Boards to understand how they should work together to ensure effective system and place-based working.

3.3 HWBBs will work with ICPs and ICBs to determine the integrated approach that will best deliver holistic care and prevention activities, including action on wider determinants in their communities.

3.4 The guidance includes case studies that illustrate how other Health and Wellbeing Boards have been adapting to the changes introduced by the Health and Care Act 2022. Some areas have chosen to have joint HWBBS and ICBs where they are coterminous, others have formed committees in common, several local authorities have created joint HWBBS across a wider footprint in order to address strategic priorities.

3.5 The full guidance is attached and can be read in conjunction with this report

4.0 **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 The following are existing functions set out for HWBBS at their creation in 2012:

- provide a strong focus on establishing a sense of place

- instil a mechanism for joint working and improving the wellbeing of their local population
- set strategic direction to improve health and wellbeing

4.2 HWBBs continue to be responsible for:

- assessing the health and wellbeing needs of their population and publishing a joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA)
- publishing a joint local health and wellbeing strategy (JLHWS), which sets out the priorities for improving the health and wellbeing of its local population and how the identified needs will be addressed, including addressing health inequalities, and which reflects the evidence of the JSNA
- The JLHWS should directly inform the development of joint commissioning arrangements in the place and the co-ordination of NHS and local authority commissioning, including responsibility for signing-off Better Care Fund plans
- a separate statutory duty to develop a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA)

4.3 The core statutory membership of HWBs is unchanged other than requiring a representative from ICBs, rather than CCGs

5.0 OTHER/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

HWBBs do not commission health services themselves and do not have their own budget but play an important role in informing the allocation of local resources. A new oversight role has been included in that ICBs and their partner NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts are required to share their joint capital resource use plan and any revisions with each relevant HWBB.

5.2 Other

The relationship between health and wellbeing boards and integrated care system is required to embrace both continuity and change and as a minimum it's expected that all partners – (HWBBs, ICBs and ICPs) adopt a set of principles in developing relationships, including:

- building from the bottom up
- following the principles of subsidiarity
- having clear governance, with clarity at all times on which statutory duties are being discharged
- ensuring that leadership is collaborative
- avoiding duplication of existing governance mechanisms
- being led by a focus on population health and health inequalities

5.3 Role of ICBS in relation to HWBB

An ICB, with its partner NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts, must prepare a 5-year joint forward plan, to be refreshed each year.

- ICBs must involve HWBBs in preparing or revising their forward plans
- Provide a draft of the forward plan,
- consult with the HWBB on whether the draft takes proper account of the local **Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy** such that a statement can be made that confirms this

5.4 The ICB must consult each relevant HWBB in preparing to review their annual reports. NHS England will ask the HWBB for their views on the ICB's contribution to the delivery of the local Joint **Health and Wellbeing Strategy**.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children & Young People in Halton**

Improving the Health and Wellbeing of Children and Young People is a key priority in Halton and was identified as a priority through consultation and engagement.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

The above priority is a key determinant of health and was identified as a priority through consultation and engagement in developing the HWBB strategy. Therefore, improving outcomes in this area will have an impact on improving the health of Halton residents

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

All issues outlined in this report focus directly on this priority.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

The environment in which we live and the safety of our communities has a direct impact on our health and wellbeing.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

The environment in which we live and the physical infrastructure of our communities has a direct impact on our health and wellbeing.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 This report content does not present any obvious risk. Any risks linked to implementation will be identified as they arise and recorded.

8.0 **EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 This is in line with all equality and diversity issues in Halton and supports a reduction in inequalities.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

| Document | Place of Inspection | Contact Officer |
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| DHSC's adult social care reform vision | Runcorn Town Hall | Ifeoma Onyia Director of Public Health |
| The Health and Care Act 2022 | Runcorn Town Hall | Ifeoma Onyia Director of Public Health |
| the NHS Long Term Plan | Runcorn Town Hall | Ifeoma Onyia Director of Public Health |
| DHSC's integration white paper (Health and social care integration: joining up care for people, places and populations) | Runcorn Town Hall | Ifeoma Onyia Director of Public Health |