

North Tyneside Health & Wellbeing Board Report Date: 29 October 2015

ITEM 14

Title: North Tyneside
Health & Wellbeing Board
– a protocol for joint
working

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1. Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to present an updated protocol for joint working between members of the Health & Wellbeing Board and other related bodies. The purpose of the protocol is to clarify partners different roles and responsibilities, explain how the Board will work together to provide shared leadership, highlight the shared vision, values and objectives at the heart of the Board's joint working and describe how the Board will function during the next 12 months.

2. Recommendation(s):

The Board is recommended to approve the updated protocol.

3. Policy Framework

This item relates to the delivery of the vision, values and objectives set out in Section 1 of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-18.

4. Information:

In September 2014 the Board approved a written protocol to formalise the framework within which the Board and other relevant bodies would work together to provide shared leadership of the strategic approach to the health and wellbeing of communities in North Tyneside. At that time it was anticipated that the protocol would be reviewed on an annual basis.

Since then the Board has been subject to a peer challenge undertaken by the Local Government Association. The peer review recommended that the Board:

- a) In consultation with partners clarify the purpose, role, remit and scope of the Board;
- b) Review membership of the Board and the support architecture around it; ensuring that it continues to be inclusive but is also able to deliver the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and manage performance against the key priorities;

- c) Put in place robust programme management capacity with a clearly identified lead officer that is jointly owned and resourced;
- d) Improve transparency around the work of the Board and create space for it to have difficult but open and honest discussions about the money and service transformations; and
- e) Enhance your ambitions and energy and deliver change at pace.

In response the Board held a development day on 2 July 2015 when a series of actions were identified. The protocols have been reviewed in the light of the peer review, the outcomes to emerge from the development day and to reflect the Board's priorities and methods of working for 2015/16.

A copy of the revised protocols are attached as Appendix A. The proposed changes are underlined.

5. Decision options:

The Board may either:-

- a) approve and sign the protocol;
- b) approve the protocol subject to amendments; or
- c) decide to operate without a protocol.

6. Reason for recommendation

The Board are recommended to approve the protocol as it will provide an updated framework for shared leadership, reflecting the revised vision, values and objectives of the North Tyneside Health & Wellbeing Strategy at the heart of joint working and provide a plan of how the Health and Wellbeing Board will function over the next year.

7. Appendices:

Appendix A - North Tyneside Health and Wellbeing Board - a protocol for joint working

8. Contact officers:

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9. Background information:

The following background documents have been used in the compilation of this report and are available from the author:-

- Minute HW08/06/14 and report to Health & Wellbeing Board 19 September 2014
- North Tyneside Council Constitution
- Briefing Note to Members of the Board dated 29 July 2015

COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

10 Finance and other resources

There are no financial implications associated with this item.

11 Legal

The protocol is designed to strengthen the capacity of the Health & Wellbeing Board to discharge its duty under Section 195 of the Health & Social Care Act 2012 to encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health related services to work closely together.

12 Consultation/community engagement

The revised protocol has been subject to consultation with:-

- Chair and Deputy Chair of the Board
- Chair of the North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group
- Chair of Healthwatch North Tyneside
- Director of Public Health
- Head of Health, Education, Safeguarding and Care

13 Human rights

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

14 Equalities and diversity

Section 4 of the protocol includes the following values:-

- Include equality and diversity considerations in everything we do
- Seek to engage hard to reach groups
- Take into account the differing views and needs of our service users

15 Risk management

A risk assessment has not been undertaken in relation to this item.

16 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

SIGN OFF

Director of Public Health

Chair/Deputy Chair of the Board

Chief Finance Officer

Head of Law & Governance