

North Tyneside Health & Wellbeing Board Report Date: 28 April 2016

ITEM 13

Title: Appointment of
Members to the Board

Report from : Law & Governance, North Tyneside Council

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1. Purpose:

This report invites the Boards to review its own membership and to consider the appointment of additional members.

2. Recommendation(s):

The Board is recommended to appoint representatives of the Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service and North East Ambulance Service to the Board.

3. Policy Framework

This item relates to the operation of the Board and so there are no direct links with delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-18.

4. Information:

4.1 In accordance with the Health and Social Care Act the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board must comprise of:-

- a) the Elected Mayor and/or at least one councillor as nominated by the Elected Mayor;
- b) the Director of Adult Social Services;
- c) the Director of Children's Services;
- d) the Director of Public Health;
- e) a representative of the North Tyneside NHS Clinical Commissioning Group;
- f) a representative of Healthwatch North Tyneside;
- g) for the purpose of participating in the preparation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy, a representative of NHS England; and
- h) such additional persons as the Board or the Council think appropriate.

- 4.2 At its meeting on 4 June 2013, the Board reviewed its own membership and, using the power to appoint additional persons, it agreed to appoint representatives from the following organisations:-
- a) Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
 - b) Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
 - c) Northumberland and Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust
 - d) Community and Voluntary Sector Chief Officer Group
 - e) Age UK
 - f) North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board
 - g) North of Tyne Pharmaceutical Committee
- 4.3 The Chair of the Board has recently been in discussions with representatives of the Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service (TWFRS). The service are working in the borough to make those most vulnerable safer, not only by reducing the risk of fire but also by signposting people to partners to reduce the risk in other areas. For example, the service is currently working closely with Care Call to promote the use of assistive technology to the North East Ambulance Service and to GP's within the borough, in order to keep people safer and to live independently in their own homes. As the fire service currently make a positive contribution to the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board and are keen to become involved in the work of the Health & Wellbeing Board, it is proposed that a representative from TWFRS be appointed to the Board.
- 4.4 These discussion have also led to consideration of extending membership to other emergency services.
- 4.5 The North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) have for some time received copies of the agenda papers for Board meetings and the Associate Director of Strategy, Contracting and Performance at NEAS, has recently begun to attend meetings. In recognition of its significant role as a provider of a range of health services it is proposed that a representative from the NEAS also be appointed to the Board.
- 4.6 In June 2013 Northumbria Police declined an invitation to be represented on the Board commenting that the Board would routinely discuss issues not relevant to the operational priorities of the Police and therefore any attendance by them would add little or no value to discussions. Where specific issues did have relevance to the Police they indicated that they would be happy to attend meetings. It is proposed that this arrangement should continue.
- 4.7 The Board currently comprises 19 members. The appointment of representatives of the fire and ambulance services will increase the membership to 21 members. A recent survey of Health & Wellbeing Boards in the North East region revealed the largest Board has 27 members and the smallest 14. The average is 19.

5. Decision options:

The Board may decide to either:-

- a) not to appoint any further additional persons to the Board; or
- b) appoint representatives of the Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service and North East Ambulance Service to the Board.

6. Reasons for recommended option:

The Board is recommended to agree option b) to secure appropriate representation on the Board.

7. Appendices:

None.

8. Contact officers:

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9. Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) Health and Social Care Act 2012
- (2) The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013
- (3) Report to the Board June 2013 and associated minute.

COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

9 Finance and other resources

The costs associated with the operation of the Board will be contained within existing budgets.

10 Legal

Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 states that a local authority must appoint specified persons to a Health and Wellbeing Board and that the Board may appoint such other persons as it thinks is appropriate.

11 Consultation/community engagement

Consultation has been undertaken with the Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service and the North East Ambulance Service.

12 Human rights

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

13 Equalities and diversity

An equalities impact assessment has been undertaken in respect to the establishment and operation of the Board.

14 Risk management

A risk assessment has not been undertaken in connection to this matter.

15 Crime and disorder

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

16 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability issues arising from this report.

SIGN OFF

Director of Public Health

Chair/Deputy Chair of the Board

Chief Finance Officer

Head of Law & Governance