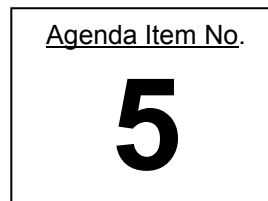


**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 3 JULY 2018 AT 10:00AM**

**HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD UPDATE**



*Report of the Head of Adult Care Services*

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the work of the Health & Wellbeing Board and its relationship with the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 The scrutiny remit of the Health Scrutiny Committee includes the Health & Wellbeing Board. In January 2018, Health Scrutiny received a report which summarised the background to the Health & Wellbeing Board and considered its role in the context of the developing Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP). This report provides an update on the strategic focus of the Board, its development programme over the course of this financial year and its evolving relationship with the STP.

**3. Recommendation**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Health Scrutiny Committee note the report.

**4. Background**

- 4.1 Health & Wellbeing Boards were established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to act as a forum in which key leaders from the local health and care system could work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population. They became fully operational on 1 April 2013 in all 152 local authorities with adult social care and public health responsibilities.

- 4.2 Health & Wellbeing Boards are formal committees of their local authority, charged with promoting greater integration and partnership between bodies from the NHS, public health and local government. They have a statutory duty, with clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), to produce a joint strategic needs assessment and a joint health and wellbeing strategy for their local population.
- 4.3 The Boards have very limited formal powers. They are constituted as a partnership forum rather than an executive decision-making body.
- 4.4 In January 2018, Health Scrutiny received a report which provided details of the remit of Hertfordshire's Health and Wellbeing Board, the key challenges facing the Board and the extent to which the advent of the STP had had an impact on the work of the Board.

## **5. Board activity**

- 5.1 The Board has considered and progressed key health and wellbeing issues that affect Hertfordshire residents.
- 5.2 In December 2017, the Board received a report on the recently completed Care Quality Commission (CQC) thematic review children and young people's mental health services in Hertfordshire and reflected on the progress that had been made. It also considered the findings of the Street Triage evaluation which it had agreed that the Police and Crime Commissioner should commission at a meeting earlier in the year.
- 5.3 In March 2018 the Board reviewed and approved the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Hertfordshire (one of the Board's statutory responsibilities) – outlining the number, scope and demand of pharmaceutical services across the County. It considered the development of the housing agenda in Hertfordshire and the extent to which different agencies around the table needed to influence these developments. It also provided its support to the work of the Local Health Resilience Partnership, the strategic forum for health organisations to facilitate Hertfordshire health sector's preparedness and planning for emergencies.
- 5.4 The next scheduled meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board will focus on the 'Starting Well' element of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and will consider a number of issues related to improving the lives and life-chance of children and young people, including preventative and early intervention initiatives that can address and resolve issues before they become more complex and intractable.

## **6. The Health and Wellbeing Board and the STP**

- 6.1 To ensure clear and regular communication and in light of the issues and concerns about the STP that were highlighted in the previous report to Health Scrutiny, the Chief Officer of the STP is now invited to provide an update to each public meeting of the Board. This update summarises the progress of the STP's workstreams and has allowed the Board to identify and highlight areas of opportunity and issues where it feels more work is required.
- 6.2 Since the update in January, the STP has continued to develop its multiple workstreams. For example, the frailty workstream has developed proposals to help co-ordinate care for elderly patients with complex needs. The Place-based care workstream has continued to develop multi-agency working at a locality level. The Prevention workstream, with significant input from the County Council's Adult Care Services and Public Health directorates, is helping to map and align preventative work across the system partners and is in the process of bidding for funding to support new, multi-agency initiatives.
- 6.3 In recent months, the STP has focussed its attention on developing proposals for how a model of an Integrated Care System and Integrated Care Alliances might operate in Hertfordshire and West Essex.
- 6.4 The STP has commissioned external advisors, Carnall Farrar, to support a series of workshops with senior officers from across the NHS and the County Council. Elected members have also been involved in these discussions. These have considered how other areas in the county have implemented these models and the potential structure and operation of such arrangements in Hertfordshire and West Essex.
- 6.5 A key consideration for this piece of work will be establishing the appropriate relationship between any emergent model and the Health & Wellbeing Board – recognising the local democratic accountability afforded by the Board. Specific input has been sought from the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board as well as key officers involved in its running. Further consideration is also required regarding the interaction of the Hertfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board and the Essex Health & Wellbeing Board

## **7. Health and Wellbeing Board development**

- 7.1 Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board have also been considering how the Board can continue to develop and drive improvements in Hertfordshire. In addition to its developing role in relation to the STP, the Board is reviewing its forward planning and considering how best to identify and act upon cross-cutting issues where the perspective of the Board can add the most value. Some of the issues that the Board is considering for future discussion include the health and wellbeing links to the developing housing agenda, cross-sector workforce pressures and the next steps required to pursue and improve the prevention agenda across the County.
- 7.2 Through regular Health & Wellbeing Board development days, Board members have identified a number of development activities that will now be taken forward by the Health and Wellbeing Board manager. These include:
- Strengthened links and communication with district Health and Wellbeing boards/partnerships.
  - A revised forward planning process to better reflect issues that are relevant to all partners represented around the Board
  - Additional activity with HealthWatch to ensure that patient and service user voices are better able to inform Board discussions

### **Background Information:**

Health & Wellbeing Board 13 December 2017

<http://cmis.hertfordshire.gov.uk/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/699/Committee/13/Default.aspx>

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