

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Voluntary Sector Commissioning Strategy

Report of Director of Health & Community Services

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1.0 Purpose of report

1.1 This report seeks Board sign-off of the final draft of the Voluntary Sector Commissioning Strategy which has been widely consulted upon across the voluntary, community and statutory sectors in Hertfordshire.

2.0 Summary

2.1 The Strategy (attached as Appendix A) communicates to the voluntary sector a commitment to them as partners in a preventative agenda and the commissioning intentions, framework and expectations of commissioning organisations. It was agreed in draft format by this Board in November and by both the East & North Hertfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and the West Herts Clinical Commissioning Group over the last few months. Agreement in principle has also been given by the Police and Crime Commissioners Office. Final sign-off processes will be undertaken before the end of July 2015.

2.2 The Strategy outlines a set of characteristics, values and behaviours expected from the voluntary and community sector, that are shared with the statutory sector, and it captures a vision of how we will work together in the future.

2.3 Following the sign off of this Strategy formal engagement activities will take place with the voluntary and community sector, alongside the COMPACT project and the Community Wellbeing Review, to discuss the detail of the commitments made in this document by both sectors and ensure a shared understanding of the long term relationship.

- 2.4 The Strategy also covers:
- Our commissioning intentions
 - Our commitment as commissioners to the future of the voluntary and community sector as partners
 - Recognition of the Social Value Act and the Localism Act
 - The aim of a strategic approach across all statutory agencies in Hertfordshire
 - A commitment to a 'refreshed' Compact with the sector
 - A clear commissioning framework that sits within contract and procurement regulation

3.0 Recommendation

- 3.1 That the Board agrees the Voluntary Sector Commissioning Strategy and encourages all Hertfordshire health and wellbeing partners to sign up to this approach.

Report signed off by	Director of Health & Community Services
Sponsoring HWB Member/s	Iain MacBeath
Hertfordshire HWB Strategy priorities supported by this report	All
Needs assessment Statutory organisations across Hertfordshire have a relationship with the voluntary and community sector worth millions of pounds every year.	
Consultation/public involvement The draft document has been consulted on through an open process with the voluntary and community sector and through discussions with statutory colleagues in the two CCG's, the PCC office and a number of District Councils.	
Equality and diversity implications None	
Acronyms or terms used: None	