

Item No. 6.	Classification: Open	Date: 2 October 2014	Meeting Name: Health and Wellbeing Board
Report title:		Health and Wellbeing Board Governance Review	
Wards or groups affected:		All	
From:		Kerry Crichlow, Director of Strategy and Commissioning, Children's and Adults' Services	

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Board is requested to:
 - Accept the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Board Governance Review attached at Appendix 2.
 - Agree the appointment of a Vice Chair for the Health and Wellbeing Board and establish a planning sub-group as at paragraph 6 (section II).
 - Agree the priority work areas for the Board at paragraph 7.
 - Note the protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Southwark Safeguarding Children Board and the Southwark Safeguarding Adults Board attached at Appendix 3.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. At the last meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 28th July 2014, members agreed the Terms of Reference for a review of governance, attached at Appendix 1.
3. Since that meeting, the expert adviser, Gayle Curry of Mills and Reeve, has carried out a desk based review of the operation of the Health and Wellbeing Board in Southwark in the light of statutory requirements and best practice and spoken to members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to get their views.
4. The Health and Wellbeing Board governance review panel met with the expert adviser on Monday 8th September to discuss her findings.
5. A summary of the review's findings and recommendations is attached at Appendix 2.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. The key recommendations at Appendix 2 centre around the following:
 - I. Agreeing clear key priorities to drive the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and deliver the Board's vision.
 - II. Developing a published forward work programme based on the agreed

- key priorities, which will form the basis of the Board's agenda, with a small planning subgroup to manage the process.
- III. Greater clarity in the reports received by the Health and Wellbeing Board to enable members to come to meetings empowered to fully contribute in decision making.
 - IV. Holding informal meetings of Board members and/or subgroups of the Board between formal Board meetings to drive action forward.
 - V. Mapping the relationships and planning links with other groups with influence on and interest in the health and wellbeing of people in Southwark.
7. Based on evidence of where the greatest impact can be made, the following priority areas are proposed as a starting point for the Board's forward work plan.
- Sexual health
 - Mental wellbeing
 - Alcohol/substance misuse
 - Smoking
 - Obesity, diabetes and other long-term conditions
 - Early years and children's health and wellbeing
8. With Board members' agreement, officers will work up a forward work plan that allows time for topic based deep dives relating to the above key priorities, alongside the regular business of the Board in the discharge of its statutory responsibilities.

Protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board and Southwark's Safeguarding Boards

9. A protocol has been developed to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB), with regard to the Southwark Safeguarding Children Board (SSCB) and the Southwark Safeguarding Adults Board (SSAB).
10. These three Boards have a common purpose to promote joint working and co-operation between partners to improve the wellbeing of children and adults at risk of abuse or neglect in Southwark, support and develop areas of mutual interest through integrated multi-agency practice in prevention and early intervention.
11. The protocol attached at Appendix 3 has been agreed by the three independent chairs of the HWB, the SSCB and SSAB and sets out how the three Board's will inform each other's work.
12. The protocol is attached at Appendix 3 and Board members are asked to agree this document.

Policy implications

13. The recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Board review of governance allow an opportunity for the Board to strengthen its effectiveness and as a partnership, to deliver better health and wellbeing outcomes for people in Southwark.

14. The recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Board review of governance do not necessitate the delegation of executive powers from the Council.

Community and equalities impact statement

15. Improving the effectiveness of the Health and Wellbeing Board through the recommendations of the review, will contribute to achieving the vision set out in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy – to reduce health inequalities by working together to create a borough where everyone can realise their potential and have the best possible life chances.

Legal implications

16. The Board will have due regard to the statutory responsibilities of the Health and Wellbeing Board as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the legal duties of its constituent bodies in setting priorities for the Board and its forward work plan.

Financial implications

17. The financial implications of the recommendations of the review will be met within existing resources.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Health and Social Care Act	http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130805112926/http://healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/category/public-health/hwb/	

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Review panel terms of reference
Appendix 2	Summary of findings and recommendations
Appendix 3	Protocol between Health and Wellbeing Board and Southwark Safeguarding Boards

AUDIT TRAIL

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Strategic Director of Children's and Adults' Services	No	No
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