

<b>Item No.</b> 8	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 14 March 2024	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Health & Wellbeing Board
<b>Report title:</b>		Health & Wellbeing Board roles, functions and membership	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		<b>Chris Williamson</b> Head of Health & Wellbeing Southwark Council	

## RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Health and Wellbeing Board;

1. Note the role and functions of Board as sent out in appendix 1, and agree the future focus on the wider determinants of health.
2. Agrees the proposed membership changes, specifically the addition of the Strategic Director for Environment, Neighbourhoods & Growth, and the removal of King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. The rationale for this change is set out in paragraphs 15 and 16 of this report.
3. Confirm the membership of Impact on Urban Health.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. The Department for Health & Social Care issued guidance on the role and functions of Health & Wellbeing Boards in November 2022.
5. This non-statutory guidance set out the roles and duties of Health & Wellbeing Boards and clarified their purpose within the new system architecture. It accompanies previously published statutory guidance on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JLHWSs).
6. The Health and Care Act 2022 amends section 116A of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, renaming 'Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies' to 'Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategies'. Statutory guidance on JSNAs and JLHWSs currently remains unchanged.
7. The guidance issued by the Department for Health & Social Care does not alter the statutory functions of the Health & Wellbeing Board. However, the guidance provides further clarification regarding the relationship between the Health & Wellbeing Board and the governance structures within the NHS. These are set out below.

## **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

### ***Relationship with the NHS***

8. The Health & Wellbeing Board will continue the relationship it had with Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group, with South East London Integrated Care Board.
9. The Health & Wellbeing Board must be provided with a draft of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) Joint Forward Plan and provide a statement as to whether the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy has been taken proper account of within the forward plan.
10. The Integrated Care Board must consult the Health & Wellbeing Board as part of their annual report to NHS England, and demonstrate steps they have taken to implement the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.
11. NHS England must consult the Health & Wellbeing Board for its' view on the ICB's contribution to the delivery of the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.
12. The Health & Wellbeing Board retains responsibility for approval of the Better Care Fund plan for Southwark.

### ***Focus of the Health & Wellbeing Board***

13. Partnership Southwark Strategic Board was established following the Health & Care Act 2022. It is responsible for the planning and commissioning of local health and care services.
14. As the Partnership Southwark Strategic Board takes a focus on our local health and care system, it is important that the Health & Wellbeing Board now focuses its efforts on the wider determinants of health such as poverty, climate and air quality, community safety and housing.
15. In focusing on the wider determinants and ensuring the health and care system is taking account of these factors, the Board can make best use of its influence within the new system structures and the impact on our populations health.
16. Future meetings of the Board will also include a focus on priorities set out within the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy to ensure delivery of actions agreed in 2022.

### ***Changes to Health & Wellbeing Board Membership***

17. It is proposed that the Strategic Director of Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth (ENG) becomes a member of the Health & Wellbeing Board. The portfolio of the ENG department includes Leisure, Community Safety, Environmental Health, Climate Change & Air Quality. These wider determinants of health have significant impact on the health and wellbeing of our residents. Inclusion of the Strategic Director will strengthen the Boards involvement and influence in these agendas.
18. It is proposed that King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust is removed from the Board. While the trust is a key part of our local health system, its focus is on secondary and tertiary care. The trust will remain a member of the Partnership Southwark Strategic Board, and will remain able to submit papers to the Health & Wellbeing Board as necessary in the future.
19. The responsibilities of the South East London ICB Place Executive Lead will in future be assumed by the Strategic Director of Integrated Health & Care from June 2024. This will include membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board.

### **Policy framework implications**

20. No direct policy framework implications as a result of this paper. Relevant implications will be set out in specific items brought to the Board.

### **Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts**

#### **Community impact statement**

21. The Health & Wellbeing Board provides a forum where political, clinical, professional and community leaders from across the health and care system come together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.

#### **Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement**

22. The Public Sector Equality Duty requires public bodies to consider the diverse needs of groups and have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities. Due regard involves considering the different needs of those protected characteristics in relation to the three parts of the duty.
23. The Equalities Act 2010 define the following as protected characteristics: age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation.
24. These protected characteristics are included within the Board's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment that has informed the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.

### **Health impact statement**

25. The Health & Wellbeing Board provides a forum where political, clinical, professional and community leaders from across the health and care system come together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities. Actions the Board is taking to improve health and wellbeing are set out in the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy. The Board has a particular focus on the wider determinants of health, such as poverty, climate and air quality, community safety and housing.

### **Climate change implications**

26. A principle underpinning the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy is that sustainability and tackling climate change should be an integral part of protecting and improving health. This should be taken into account in delivery of the strategy, and form part of the Board's discussions.

### **Resource implications**

27. No direct resource implications as a result of this paper.

### **Legal implications**

28. The Health & Wellbeing Board is a statutory committee of the Local Authority, established as a consequence of Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, and is established as a committee of the council (section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972, subject to regulations issued by government).
29. The role and duties of the Board are set out in legislation and statutory guidance, and are included in Section 3L of the Council Constitution.

### **Financial implications**

30. No direct financial implications as a result of this paper.

### **Consultation**

31. Not applicable.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS**

### **Assistant Chief Executive – Governance and Assurance**

32. As noted in the report, the Health & Wellbeing Board is established as a committee in Part 3L of the constitution. Changes to the membership of the Board can be put forward to Health & Wellbeing Board for agreement. If the changes to the membership are agreed consequential amendments will need to be made to the constitution to reflect this.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
<b>Southwark Council Constitution, Part 3L – Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>	Constitutional Services Governance and Assurance Southwark Council, 2nd Floor – Hub 2, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH	Maria Lugangira, Principal Constitutional Officer, <a href="mailto:maria.lugangira@southwark.gov.uk">maria.lugangira@southwark.gov.uk</a>
<a href="#">Southwark Constitution: Part 3L Health and Wellbeing Board Mar 2023.pdf (southwark.gov.uk)</a>		
<b>Southwark Council Constitution, Part 7(Section8) – Committee Procedure Rules – Additional rules applying to Health &amp; Wellbeing Board (Section 102 Committee)</b>	Constitutional Services Governane and Assurance Southwark Council, 2nd Floor – Hub 2, 160 Tooley Street, London, SE1 2QH	Maria Lugangira, Principal Constitutional Officer, <a href="mailto:maria.lugangira@southwark.gov.uk">maria.lugangira@southwark.gov.uk</a>
<a href="#">Southwark Constitution: Committee Procedure Rules - Additional rules applying to Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</a>		
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Boards – Guidance</b>	Department for Health & Social Care	N/A
<a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing-boards">Health and wellbeing boards – guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</a>		

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Health & Wellbeing Board Roles, Functions & Membership

## AUDIT TRAIL

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Assistant Chief Executive Governance and Assurance	No	N/A
Strategic Director, Finance	No	N/A
Deputy Head of Law	Yes	Yes
Cabinet Member	No	N/A
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