

Southwark Health & Wellbeing Board

Roles, Functions and Membership

Background

The Health and Wellbeing Board is a statutory partnership between the Council, NHS, community, voluntary and learning organisations in Southwark. The Board provides a place for partners to come together to take strategic decisions to improve health and wellbeing, reduce inequalities and promote the integration of health and social care.

This document provides additional detail to the formal Terms of Reference for the Board as set out in the Southwark Council Constitution. It further sets out the purpose, responsibilities, membership and working arrangements of the Board.

Aim of the Health & Wellbeing Board

The overall aim of the Health & Wellbeing Board is to:

- Improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Southwark from pre-birth to end of life
- Reduce inequalities in health and wellbeing for Southwark residents
- Ensure the local community is fully involved in the above

The Board will achieve this by:

- Setting the strategic health and wellbeing priorities for the borough, including the key inequalities that need to be reduced
- Providing oversight of actions to improve health and wellbeing across the local health and care system, along with actions to tackle the wider determinants of health
- Ensuring residents and the community and voluntary sector are involved in decisions affecting health and wellbeing in the borough

Roles and responsibilities of the Health & Wellbeing Board

The Health & Wellbeing Board has a number of roles and responsibilities that it undertakes to fulfil its aim to improve health and reduce inequalities. These roles are shaped by national legislation and statutory guidance.

1. Oversee the production and publication of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) providing data, information and analysis on the needs and inequalities in the borough to support strategic planning, commissioning and provision of health, care and wellbeing services.
2. Produce and monitor the delivery of Southwark's Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) that sets the strategic priorities for the borough and actions to tackle the needs identified in the JSNA through local commissioning, policy change and other initiatives.
 - Develop and agree a strategy based on the needs, inequalities and priorities identified within the JSNA and the other supporting needs assessments.
 - Ensure the strategy is developed collaboratively with local people and organisations, including the local Healthwatch.
 - The Board will have on-going oversight to ensure delivery of priorities set out in the strategy.
3. The Board will influence the wider social, economic and environmental and economic factors that impact health and will work closely with other partners, such as the voluntary and community sector, Mayor of London, police and others.
 - Ensure that policy, commissioning and service delivery decisions undertaken by partners are informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.
4. The Board will ensure arrangements and action are in place to involve local people in improving health and wellbeing.
 - The Board will ensure the active and comprehensive adoption of co-production and co-design approaches in design and delivery of the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy.
 - The Board will ensure local people are involved in the design and delivery of other local plans and services that seek to improve health and wellbeing in the borough.
 - The Board will ensure that partners have an effective and aligned approach to community involvement and empowerment in health and wellbeing.

5. Encourage the development of integrated health and care services which are designed and delivered around the needs local people.
 - Provide advice, guidance, support and challenge around integrated commissioning and provision arrangements across health and care where these are in the best interests of local people.
 - When developing the health and care services, consider the extent to which needs could be met more effectively by arrangements under the Health and Care Act 2022, to pool or align health and care budgets through Partnership Southwark arrangements and mechanisms to facilitate integrated care (e.g. Section 75 agreements, Better Care Fund).
 - To provide oversight and monitoring of the Better Care Fund.
6. Provide oversight of relevant Council and NHS plans to ensure they address priorities identified in the JSNA and JLHWS unless there is a good reason not to.
 - Ensure plans and strategies of Partnership Southwark Strategic Board reflect the needs of local residents and priorities established in the JSNA and JLHWS.
 - Ensure plans and strategies of the South East London Integrated Care Partnership and Integrated Care Board reflect the needs of local residents and priorities established in the JSNA and JLHWS.
 - Partners will ensure that their service plans and system strategies are included in the Board's forward plan when significant changes are proposed.
7. Oversee local health protection arrangements.
 - The Health & Wellbeing Board will provide oversight for Southwark's Health Protection Board (HPB), ensuring effective arrangements are in place to manage risks to health.
 - The Board will receive an annual report including local outcome data and performance summaries for health protection.
 - The Board will receive updates from the Health Protection Board on health protection risks in the borough.

Membership of the Health & Wellbeing Board

The Health & Wellbeing Board is chaired by Councillor Evelyn Akoto.

Southwark Health & Wellbeing Board Members	
1.	Chair, Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing (statutory member)
2.	Vice Chair, NHS co-chair of Partnership Southwark
3.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Education
4.	Opposition Spokesperson for Health (Southwark Councillor)
5.	Southwark Council Chief Executive Officer
6.	Strategic Director of Children's and Adults' Services (statutory member)
7.	Strategic Director for Environment, Neighbourhoods & Growth
8.	Director of Children's Services (statutory member)
9.	Director of Public Health (statutory member)
10.	NHS South East London Integrated Care Board Place Executive Lead (statutory member)
11.	Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust representative
12.	South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust representative
13.	Southwark Headteachers representative
14.	Healthwatch Southwark representative (statutory member)
15.	Community Southwark representative
16.	Impact on Urban Health representative

Additional Information

The Health & Wellbeing Board will meet quarterly and in-person. Meetings will be themed around the priorities set out within the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy, with a particular emphasis on the wider determinants of health.

Further information on the role of the Health & Wellbeing Board is set out in the [Southwark Council Constitution](#).

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Our Vision

“Our partners will unite to tackle inequalities by taking a community and place focus – providing additional support to the population groups that have the poorest outcomes and focusing on our most disadvantaged neighbourhoods, while maximising health and care opportunities for all through integration.”

Our Priorities

Our priorities are set out within the Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy:



Our Statutory Duties

The Health & Wellbeing Board has a number of duties required by law:



Our Links with Partners

The Health & Wellbeing Board will also receive updates from our members and partners, including:



Southwark Health & Wellbeing Board: Links with Partners

