

## **Role of Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service on the Board**

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### **Executive Summary**

Fire and Rescue Services and health and social care partners operate in the heart of local communities to increase safety, health and wellbeing of the people living and working there. They are concerned with prevention and early intervention. Most importantly, all are reaching out to the same people and families who find themselves at risk of accident or ill health.

On 1 October 2015 NHS England, the Chief Fire Officers Association, the Local Government Association, Public Health England and Age UK published a joint 'Consensus Statement' setting out a national commitment to improve health and wellbeing. The aim being, to support vulnerable people and those with complex needs to get the personalised, integrated care and support they need to live full lives and sustain their independence for longer, thus reducing demand on fire, health and social care services. By working in partnership in the wider health and wellbeing context, Fire and Rescue Services are well placed, to help enhance and improve shared outcomes beyond what could be achieved in isolation.

A presentation will be delivered to Board members at the meeting, the purpose of which is to share Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service progress to date, and to explore further opportunities for the Service to work in partnership going forward.

### **Recommendation/s**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the preventative work which Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service currently undertake.
2. Explore [where appropriate] opportunities for Lancashire Fire and Rescue, to undertake preventative work, in partnership, aimed at improving health and wellbeing outcomes across Lancashire.

### **Background**

Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service [LFRS] play a key role in ensuring that communities are safe, through responding to emergencies, and also through their extensive preventative work. This has been hugely successful and has seen fires, in Lancashire, decrease by half

in the last ten years. LFRS continue to seek to explore how they can use their expertise in prevention to improve public health outcomes.

The trust placed in LFRS and the comprehensive access to the public that this provides, means the Service have a unique ability to provide critical interventions, promote health messages and refer to appropriate services.

There is a growing realisation nationally, of the effectiveness Fire and Rescue Services can have, in supporting prevention and wellbeing priorities, particularly in reducing pressure on health and social care systems and improving both fire and health outcomes through the use of data-led approaches.

As a new member to the Board a presentation will be delivered at the meeting. The purpose of which is to explain LFRS progress to date, in respect of the above, and to explore potential opportunities to work with partners in the future, to help improve health and wellbeing outcomes across Lancashire.

A presentation will be delivered to Board members at the meeting which will cover this in more detail.

**List of background papers**

None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A