

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Terms of Reference

1. Purpose

To enable people in Lancashire to achieve the best possible health and wellbeing outcomes through better partnership working and service integration.

2. Functions

To achieve the purpose outlined above the Health and Wellbeing Board will deliver the following key functions:

Leadership – to lead and direct the health and wellbeing system to ensure we improve services and make the best use of resources that deliver better outcomes for people.

Assurance – to ensure a collective awareness of the major changes, pressures and risks across health and wellbeing services and provide opportunity to review, comment and consider the opportunities for collaborative approaches to address or manage these.

Challenge – to monitor and evaluate all parts of the health and wellbeing system in Lancashire and where necessary provide appropriate and effective challenge.

Accountability – to be able to demonstrate and evidence that the decisions of the Board, and their subsequent outcomes, are clearly focussed on protecting the health and wellbeing of people in Lancashire.

Strategy – to agree a Health and Wellbeing Strategy and ensure plans and priorities, both through collaboration and within individual organisations/sectors, are aligned and support the delivery of this Strategy.

Commissioning - to enable collaboration between commissioners, joint commissioning and pooled budgets, where this provides better integrated service delivery and outcomes.

Understanding – to be clear about the needs and opportunities for people's health and wellbeing in Lancashire and to lead the development of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. To ensure that data, intelligence and evidence (for example through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) is informing and driving the development of plans and priorities. To listen to and understand the needs of local people.

Engagement – to ensure there is effective dialogue, engagement and joint working between county and local health and wellbeing structures and partnerships and with other key strategic partnerships and networks.

Integration – to promote integration and partnership working between the NHS, social care, public health and other services.

3. Principles

The Health and Wellbeing Board members recognise shared values as the foundation of a strong partnership and through trust, openness, equality and fairness will ensure a strong and sustainable partnership that delivers improved health and wellbeing outcomes for people in Lancashire.

Trust – to have confidence in the integrity and ability of all partner organisations working collaboratively through the Health and wellbeing Board.

Openness – demonstrating transparency and openness between partners in how decisions are made and in sharing activities, plans and ambitions.

Equality – each partner organisation/sector has an equal standing within the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Fairness – commitment throughout the Health and Wellbeing Board that the behaviour and actions of partners is equitable, impartial and objective.

4. Membership

The membership of the Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board is comprised of the following:

- The Leader of the County Council, LCC (Chairperson)
- The Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing, LCC
- The Cabinet Member for Children and Schools, LCC
- The Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services, LCC
- A County Councillor to be nominated by the Liberal Democrat Group, LCC
- Corporate Director, Operations and Delivery, LCC
- Director of Adult Social Care, LCC
- Director of Public Health, LCC
- Director of Children's Services, LCC
- Six Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Network Members (1 member to be nominated by each CCG)
- The Director of the Lancashire Area Team (National Commissioning Board)
- Three District Councillors (one from each of the sub areas of Lancashire, to be nominated by the Lancashire Leaders Group)
- One District Council Chief Executive (to be nominated by the Lancashire Chief Executives Group)
- A Third Sector Representative (to be nominated by One Lancashire)
- The Chairperson of Healthwatch
- Two Providers (to be nominated by Chief Executives of NHS Foundation Trusts)
- Five Chairs (or a nominated representative) of the Health and Wellbeing Partnerships in Lancashire (one to be nominated by each Health and Wellbeing Partnership)
- Independent Chair of the Lancashire Safeguarding Children Board
- Independent Chair of the Lancashire Safeguarding Adult Board
- A Lancashire Constabulary representative

All Board members to have one vote each.

5. Meeting Arrangements

The Health and Wellbeing Board is a committee of the County Council and unless specified below, meeting arrangements are subject to the County Council's procedural Standing Orders:

- The Leader of the County Council will be the Chair of the Board.
- The Board will appoint the Deputy Chair annually.
- The Board will meet bi monthly.
- Every other meeting will have a clear thematic focus to enable wider discussion, understanding and decision making around priorities areas.
- Decisions will be made by consensus where possible, or when appropriate by a majority vote.
- The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be a quarter of the whole number of voting members of the Board with at least one Cabinet Member being present.
- Substitutes for Board members are permitted with written notification being given to the Clerk by the relevant nominating body in advance of the meeting.
- Meetings of the Board are open to the public but they may be excluded where information of an exempt or confidential nature is being discussed – see Access to Information Rules set out at Appendix 'H' in the County Council's Constitution.
- The Board cannot discharge the functions of any of the Partners.

