

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel



## Health and Wellbeing Board Update

The Shadow Board, which has been met in a series of development sessions, has been discussing its vision and identifying responsible members to take on work streams before the Board becomes statutory. The Health and Wellbeing Board Vision will be –

### **“Happy, Healthy, Aspiring Communities”**

By focusing on this vision the Board will undertake its unique role of -

- Ensuring partners work with those they serve to take ownership of the sustainability agenda
- Ensuring partners use and develop systems and processes that make the best use of limited resources every time
- Ensuring partners move resources – both fiscal and human to the prevention and early intervention agendas

Current work streams undertaken by the Board include -

- Communications – led by Plymouth Community Homes, Plymouth Community Healthcare and CASAP.
- Rules / Terms of reference – led by Plymouth City Council and Devon Pharmaceutical Committee
- Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy – led by CCG, Plymouth University and Devon and Cornwall Police

## Communications

The Board will aim to effectively target key audiences and -

- act as a central hub for key health and wellbeing promotion campaigns;
- demonstrate collaborative leadership in joint commissioning and improving health outcomes for Plymouth;
- develop a long term effective relationship with key audiences and stakeholders in order to develop active participation, support for the vision and strategy of the Board and to encourage two way communication to shape the unique contribution of the Board and its membership.

## Developing Terms of Reference

As a formal committee of the council the Board will be required to follow standard procedures with regard to access to information. The Board will meet in a formal committee setting four times a year but in between these formal sessions members of the Board will lead on a number of workshops. Workshops will be used for engagement with the public and other interested groups, problem solving or creative thinking for service improvement and greater integration.

## **Membership**

The Shadow Board is made up of the statutory membership as per the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (Cabinet member for Health, Directors of People and Public Health, Healthwatch, CCG), but has also widened membership as the group believed –

*‘Our membership will be defined by the presence of partners whom we feel are most likely to be able to work together to deliver our vision’*

For this reason the Shadow Board includes representatives from -

- Plymouth Community Housing
- Devon Pharmaceutical Committee
- Plymouth Community Healthcare
- Devon and Cornwall Police
- Plymouth Hospitals Trust
- Plymouth University
- Voluntary and Community Sector

## **Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHBWS)**

Board members are of the view that the JHBWS should form part of the Plymouth Plan, but given that some commissioning decisions will need to be taken and pending the production of the Plymouth Plan, some priority areas for an interim strategy based on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment would include -

- Tackle poverty and the wider factors that affect wellbeing and health inequalities
- Achieve the best start for children and young people
- Enable people to live healthy lives and make healthy choices
- Delay and reduce the need for care and support

Due to delays in secondary legislation, regulations concerning the operation of the Board have not yet been laid before parliament. Attached to this paper at appendix one is milestones leading to the establishment of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the adoption of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Department of Health has been made aware that this council will not formally establish the Health and Wellbeing Board until the Annual General Meeting in May 2013, in line with many English local authorities. As the Board will ‘own’ the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, this cannot now be formally adopted until May/June 2013.

As Plymouth City Council has helped form secondary legislation draft terms of reference for the Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Board are well developed and will be forwarded for review by the constitutional working group and political groups. A council decision will be required to confirm the Terms of Reference (including membership and voting rules) in April 2013.

Appendix one

