
Health and Wellbeing Board Overview

The Health & Social Care Act, 2012 requires Local Authorities to establish Health and Wellbeing Boards.

Health and Wellbeing Boards are the way local authorities will make sure that there is better strategic coordination across the local NHS, Adult Social Care, Children and Young People's Services and Public Health. Boards will have a high profile membership and a statutory responsibility to transform services and improve health and wellbeing across local communities.

From April 2012 Health and Wellbeing Boards will operate on a shadow basis, and will be responsible for preparing

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessments
- Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategies
- Contributing to commissioning plans.

Health & Wellbeing Boards are expected to be fully operational by April 2013.

Key functions of Health & Wellbeing Boards:

Health and Wellbeing Boards will do a number of things, including:

- Promoting joint working and encouraging integrated working to improve the health of local people;
- Encouraging organisations who arrange for the provision of services such as housing or transport, to work closely with health and social care commissioners; □ Assessing the needs of the local community through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)
- Agreeing and producing a Health & Wellbeing Strategy for their local population.

Stoke-on-Trent Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

The Stoke-on-Trent Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board was established in September 2011 and has had regular meetings since then. Since September, the Board has

- Agreed its terms of reference
- Agreed its membership. Core members (members with full voting rights) are
 - Chris Dawes, Independent Chair
 - Cllr Gwen Hassall, Stoke-on-Trent City Council Cabinet Member for Social Services
 - Cllr Adrian Knapper, Stoke-on-Trent City Council Cabinet Member for Health
 - Tony Oakman, Director People: Adults and Neighbourhood Services
 - Eleanor Brazil, Interim Director People: Children and Young People's Services
 - Dr Andrew Bartlam, Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commissioning Group Senior Clinician and Accountable Officer
 - Professor Zafar Iqbal, Stoke-on-Trent Director of Public Health
 - Chief Superintendent Bernie O'Reilly, Staffordshire Police representing Safer City Partnership

Associate (non-voting) members are

- Dawn Wickham, Staffordshire Cluster
- George Abela, Stoke-on-Trent Local Involvement Network (LINK)
- Agreed its supporting groups – [Adult Strategic Partnership / Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership / Safer City Partnership / Children and Adults' Safeguarding Boards]
- Held workshops to agree a draft strategic framework to develop and health and wellbeing strategy.
- Agreed its priorities for 2012/13 as
 - Alcohol – this will include:
 - Raising public awareness about safe alcohol consumption;

- Lobbying locally and nationally to reduce alcohol availability through licensing, pricing and reduced marketing;
 - Strengthening existing campaigns and social marketing work by ensuring alcohol messages are consistent and evidence-based;
 - Ensuring the CCG is able to commission alcohol services effectively, whether directly or via existing partnership arrangements ie Safer City;
 - Ensuring the provision of good quality data on e.g. alcohol screening and treatment services from all treatment providers, including primary care.
- Early Years – Early Interventions – scope and detail to be confirmed.
 - Enabling Change – getting people to change their ideas about their lifestyles and health and wellbeing.

Health and Wellbeing Board meetings are not yet open to the public but will be from April 2013, when it becomes a committee of the City Council.