



Knowsley Health and Wellbeing Board Updates 2015

Health and Wellbeing Board Update – April 2015

The future development of the Health and Wellbeing Board was discussed to strengthen its power, role and responsibilities. Although an initial consensus on the future role and responsibilities of the Board in principle was agreed, final agreement on responsibilities is still outstanding.

Agreement has been reached to improve some aspects of the Board, including the inclusion of providers on the board, amongst other changes in membership and the appointment of an independent chair.

Health and Wellbeing Board Update – May 2015

The future development of the Health and Wellbeing Board was discussed to strengthen its power, role and responsibilities. Agreement has been reached to change some aspects of the Board to make it more effective, including the inclusion of providers on the Board, amongst other changes in membership and the appointment of an independent chair. The amendments to the Board have been included in the Council Constitution which is going to the Council's Annual Meeting for approval.

The recruitment of an Independent chair is integral to the future development of the Board but there is a risk that it will take time to identify and recruit to the role. It is possible that an independent chair will not be in position for the first scheduled Board meeting of 2015/16 in June.

Health and Wellbeing Board Update – June 2015

As reported in the last update, an Independent Chair is to be appointed to chair the Health and Wellbeing Board. The recruitment process is now underway, and the deadline for applications was 15 June 2015. Senior Executives from the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch and an Elected Member will be involved in the interview panel. The new Independent Chair will not be in place for the first Health and Wellbeing of 2015/16 which will take place on the 18 June 2015. However, it is hoped that the new Independent Chair will be in place for the second meeting of the year to be held in September 2015.

Health and Wellbeing Board Update – July 2015

As reported in the last update, an Independent Chair was to be appointed to chair the Health and Wellbeing Board. Interviews took place on 15 July 2015, with an interview panel unanimously agreeing on the appointment of Steve Coffey to become the Independent Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The interview panel consisted of Senior Executives from the Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch and an Elected Member.

Over the coming weeks, Steve Coffey will undergo an induction and be introduced to Board members prior to an Informal Board development session that will take place at the end of August 2015. He will then begin to chair formal meetings from September onwards.

Health and Wellbeing Board Update – August 2015

The recently appointed Independent Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, Steve Coffey, has started an induction programme including meeting board members and other key individuals. He is also developing the programme for the Informal Health and Wellbeing Board development session which is scheduled to take place on 27 August 2015. This session will be used to establish board member expectations of the board, build relationships, ground rules and ways of working.

Health and Wellbeing Board Update – September 2015

The Health and Wellbeing Board had a development session on 27 August 2015, which was used to establish board member expectations of the Board, build relationships, ground rules and ways of working. This session was really open and constructive with clear actions identified for development. This included a commitment to explore being involved in the Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Challenge Programme later in the year. Following consultation with the LGA and agreement by the Board, it has been decided that the Board will take part in an LGA facilitated self-assessment session in early November (provisional date 6 November 2015) and will follow this up with a 'Peer Challenge' in February / March 2016. In addition, the Board agreed to support a broader piece of work around hypertension (high blood pressure), and a health improvement campaign to focus on increasing cancer screening rates.

Health and Wellbeing Board Update – November 2015

The substantive item at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 22 October 2015 was an update on progress against implementation of the Better Care Fund, which led to a more detailed discussion on each workstream, risks attached, and actions required. It was decided that for the next Health and Wellbeing Board in December 2015, each workstream would be required to have produced an agreed description of the work, a workstream plan, including key milestones and tasks, identified the resource and skill

requirements to enable the workstream to deliver the full description to the quality required, and confirmed the delivery timescales.

In terms of Board development, the Board is taking part in an LGA facilitated self-assessment session on 6 November 2015.

Health and Wellbeing Board Update – December 2015

The Health and Wellbeing Board in November carried out a self-assessment, which included the completion of an online questionnaire by members and a facilitated session with the Local Government Association (LGA). The purpose of the self-assessment session was for members to reflect on the Board's performance, and the impact it has made to date and identify areas for Board development.