

Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board

Terms of Reference

1 Introduction

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 establishes health and wellbeing boards as a forum where key leaders from the health and care system work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population and reduce health inequalities.

The Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board is made up of a collection of people from different organisations (including the NHS, the local authority officers and elected members, the Clinical Commissioning Group and the voluntary sector), who will work together on issues to do with being healthy and feeling well. The board aims to find out what people in Swindon need to be healthy and feel well and work together to agree a strategy (plan) that will make things happen. The health and wellbeing strategy will help the Health and Wellbeing Board plan services to do with being healthy and feeling well and that make it easier for everyone to get the care they need. The board also aims to reduce the health differences between poorer and better off groups across Swindon (health inequalities).

The Health and Wellbeing Boards primary role is to provide strategic leadership to improve the health and wellbeing of Swindon's population (both adults and children) and to reduce the inequalities in health experienced by some communities. It aims to:

- ensure delivery of improved outcomes for the people of Swindon bringing together national health and social care policy in conjunction with local priorities.
- achieve democratic legitimacy and accountability, and empower local people to take part in decision-making about local health and wellbeing.

2 Purpose

The purpose of the board is to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages in Swindon and to reduce health inequalities in Swindon.

3 Underlying Principles

- shared leadership of a strategic approach to the health and wellbeing of our local communities
- a commitment to driving real action and change to improve services and outcomes
- parity between board members in terms of their opportunity to contribute to the board's deliberations, strategies and activities
- shared ownership of the board by all the members (with commitment from their nominating organisations) and accountability to the communities it serves
- openness and transparency in the way that the board carries out its work

- inclusiveness in the way it engages with patients, service users and the public
- Recognition of safeguarding (adults and children) as everyone's business and a cross cutting theme ensuring that all people in Swindon are safe and their wellbeing protected

4 Key responsibilities

The key responsibilities of the Board are;

- To provide collective leadership, set strategic direction, prioritise local activity and present comprehensible plans of what will be done locally to address needs and improve health and wellbeing in alignment with the One Swindon priorities, outcomes and principles
- To prepare the Swindon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which identifies the local health and wellbeing needs of our population ensuring
 - effective and meaningful engagement and dialogue with local communities and service users
 - joined up intelligence from local partners and stakeholders
 - Inclusion of comprehensive safeguarding data analysis
- To prepare the Swindon Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- To promote partnership and integration of commissioning and service delivery across health, social care, public health and other service areas including but not limited to housing, leisure and transport in conjunction with One Swindon and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- To ensure that the plans of local and regional commissioners, including the Clinical Commissioning Group commissioning plan, support delivery of the Swindon Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- To monitor, evaluate and annually report on the Clinical Commissioning Group performance as part of the Clinical Commissioning Groups annual assessment by the national Commissioning Board
- To measure progress against local plans including the Clinical Commissioning Group plans, the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and other supporting plans and ensure action is taken to improve outcomes when monitoring indicators show plans or initiatives are not working
- The One Swindon Partnership Board will be accountable for ensuring that One Swindon and the One Swindon Delivery Plan support the delivery of the Swindon Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- The Board will advise the One Swindon Partnership Board on strategic matters of health and wellbeing.
- The Board will ensure that commissioning decisions support the delivery of the Swindon Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- The Board will refer the Commissioning Plans back to the Clinical Commissioning Group or to the NHS Commissioning Board if they do not take sufficient account of the Swindon Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Board members are accountable to each other for mobilising and co-ordinating partners and sharing resources to deliver agreed priorities.

The work programmes of the Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) and Swindon Healthwatch will be shared and loosely aligned to create pathways for influence, whilst maintaining independence and the role of scrutiny.

5 Role of the board

In order to deliver its responsibilities, the board may decide to establish a subcommittee and delegate functions to them.

The board will do the following:

Coordinate partnership working

- Bring together NHS, public health and social care leaders with members of the local population and democratically elected representatives.
- Integrate the business action plans of partner organisations.
- Coordinate information sharing across partners
- Coordinate commissioning decisions to reflect the priorities identified by the board including the use of joint commissioning and pooled budgets where appropriate.
- Report to the One Swindon Partnership Board.
- Consult with service users and carers about service developments which will affect them.
- Work with the Local Safeguarding Children and Adult Boards to ensure all partners promote the safety and welfare of children and young people and receive an annual report from the LSCB and the LSAB and the SCTB.
- Maximise effective and efficient working to avoid partner organisations duplicating each others' work.
- Link with the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector

Identify local needs

- Lead the development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment which identifies local health and wellbeing needs and priorities.

Set strategic direction and prioritise and communicate actions

- Prioritise actions, based on the agreed strategic direction, joint commissioning strategies and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, to meet the needs of the current population without compromising the wellbeing of future generations.
- Communicate actions in publically available action plans.

Performance monitor

- Evaluate performance against locally agreed priorities.
- Evaluate performance against nationally set outcomes frameworks for the NHS, public health and social care.
- Scrutinise any major service redesign of the NHS.

- Produce annual reports of progress in relation to above action plans, in order that the board is publically accountable for delivery of these actions.

6 Membership

The membership will consist of:

The Leader of the Council (Chair)

Chief Executive of Swindon Borough Council

Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

Shadow Member for Health and Social Care

Director of Adult Social Care/ Children's Services

Director of Public Health

Swindon Healthwatch representative

Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Accountable Officer

NHS Commissioning Board representative

Third Sector representative

General Practitioner Representative

In accordance with the regulations all members of the Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board are voting members and as such will be governed by Swindon Borough Councils code of conduct

All members or co-opted members must notify the council's monitoring officer of disclosable pecuniary interests and are prohibited from participating in discussion or voting on any matter relating to their interest

7 Procedures

Meetings of the shadow board will be chaired by the Leader of the Council and held every two months.

A quorum shall be four members. Each member is required to attend at least four of the six scheduled Health and Wellbeing Board meetings per year. Board members of the board will nominate a deputy who will attend in their absence and have delegated authority to make decisions. Nominated deputies will form part of the quorum

The Board will operate in accordance with the council's existing decision-making framework and normal council budget setting processes. A decision to exercise any further local authority functions by the Health and Wellbeing Board would therefore need to be taken by the appropriate decision-making body (e.g. cabinet or council), and a further report would be required for this

8 Review Arrangements

The Swindon Health and Wellbeing Board Chair will lead an annual effectiveness review with the initial review being undertaken by March 2014.

APPROVED:

DATE OF REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE:

NEXT REVIEW:

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