

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

26th June 2013

Joint Report of the Director of Public Health, Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, Director of Children's Services, Director of the Urban Environment and the Chief Officer of the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group

SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD 2013/14

Purpose of Report

1. For the Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board to consider and approve the proposed support arrangements for the Board for 2013/14.

Background

2. Dudley's Health and Wellbeing Board was established in shadow form on the 9th February 2011, with the first meeting on the 25th July 2011.
3. During 2011/12 and 2012/13 support was provided by a small editorial team led by the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Improvement Team. The Health and Wellbeing Improvement Team, was disbanded during 2012, with all support arrangements being led through the editorial team.
4. The Health and Wellbeing Board has now moved into a new phase of development, moving out of shadow form and becoming a statutory board on the 1st April 2013. The Board's first Joint Health and Wellbeing strategy is in place and a 2013/14 work programme for the Board was agreed at the first meeting on the 29th April 2013.
5. Discussions with relevant officers from partner organisations have taken place to secure agreement for support arrangements to the Board during 2013/14 in order to ensure delivery of the Board's aims and objectives through the agreed workplan. These are detailed in the following section.

Support Arrangements

6. Following the enactment of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Director of Public Health takes on the function of lead officer for health within the Council. On this basis, it is proposed that the leadership role for these support arrangements are transferred from DACHS to the Office of Public Health.

7. The editorial team to be re-established as the 'Health and Wellbeing Board Development Team' with key functions to include
 - a. to develop and deliver the Board's yearly agreed workplans,
 - b. to develop and deliver Board development sessions, incorporating the learning-by-doing methodology that has been adopted by the Board
 - c. to support agenda planning for the Board's public meetings
 - d. to coordinate and oversee delivery of the Board's annual health and wellbeing conference
 - e. to coordinate production and delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing strategy and its priorities and refresh as required in line with the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
 - f. to ensure effective structures and frameworks are in place and maintained so that the Board can be assured of the quality, safety and effectiveness of the health and social care sector.
 - g. to ensure effective mechanisms are in place for engagement and communication to support the work of the Board
 - h. to ensure governance arrangements are in place and maintained for the Board that take account of its links to the adult and child safeguarding boards and the Scrutiny Committees for health, children and adult social care
8. The Office of Public Health to provide a senior lead as Chair, a support officer, and administrative support to the team.
9. The Development Team to continue to be supported by lead officers from DACHS, DUE, DCS, the CCG and DCVS.
10. The Development Team and Health and Wellbeing Board to continue to be supported by Dudley Council's Corporate Communications department.
11. A small resource to be identified to support the function, with contributions either financially or 'in kind' from partner organisations and Council directorates. The Clinical Commissioning Group has agreed to provide a small sum to support venue hire, facilitators, speakers, and resources. Each Council Directorate has agreed to provide access to rooms on a free of charge basis.
12. The Board and Development Team will continue to take up learning, development and support opportunities on offer from The Local Government Association (LGA). They have published their offer for 2013/14 and will continue to work with boards and local health agencies to help them identify and make positive and transformational changes to local health services.

Finance

13. Any financial implications resulting from these proposals will be met within existing budget arrangements.

Law

14. The statutory duties of the Health and Wellbeing Board are detailed in the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and related guidance. These support arrangements will ensure those duties are delivered.

Equality Impact

15. Improving equality and tackling health inequalities are key priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board and will be discharged through implementation of the Board's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. These support arrangements will provide a mechanism for this.

Recommendation

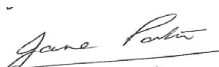
16. That the Health and Wellbeing Board consider and agree the proposed support arrangements for 2013/14



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