

Health and Wellbeing Board – 9 September 2013

Health and Wellbeing Board development: Assessment of progress

1. Purpose

Walsall Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) was established 6 months ago following its shadow status. In order to inform a refresh of the HWB development plan, it would be beneficial to undertake an assessment of how the Board is operating in relation to specific key issues. This paper suggests several options of how the assessment could be carried out.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers whether it wants to undertake an assessment, amongst partners on the board and/or others, of how their board is performing.
- 2.2 That the Health and wellbeing Board agrees which option for assessment it wants to use.

3. Report detail

The Local Government Association (LGA), in conjunction with the NHS Leadership Academy, other national organisations and representatives of health and wellbeing boards, has co-produced a new development tool for health and wellbeing boards that is attached as **appendix 1**.

This tool is intended to support boards to assess their progress by reference to indicators of practice:

- Strategy, purpose and vision
- Leadership, values, relationships, ways of working
- Governance
- Roles and contributions
- Measures and accountabilities

Boards evaluate their position against the criteria that are expected to characterise the achievements of a board at its inception; in one year; and in three years. It is suggested that, based on the length of time Walsall HWB has been established and also operating in shadow form, our board members assess progress against the achievement criteria for a board that has been operating for **one year**.

3.1 Suggested options for undertaking self assessment

Option 1: Use a survey monkey questionnaire, based on LGA tool, to administer assessment:

- a) Ask all members of the board to undertake assessment.
- b) Ask all members of the board and specified wider partners to undertake assessment

Option 2: Establish a small working group of HWB members to undertake assessment using LGA tool.

Option 3: Identify group of council officers to undertake assessment using LGA tool.

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