

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Process for review of Commissioning Plans

1 Purpose

To propose a process for 2013/2014 by which the Health and Wellbeing Board can fulfil its duty to provide an opinion on whether a commissioning plan from either the CCG, LA, NHS Commissioning Board or Local HealthWatch has taken proper account of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This paper recommends the process by which those reviews might be undertaken.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers whether it wishes to invite comment from other bodies e.g HealthWatch and/or the relevant Local Authority Overview and Scrutiny Panel in reaching its decision.
- 2.2 That the Health and Wellbeing Board considers and amends as appropriate the process of assessing a commissioning plan set out in para 3.2 of this report.

3 Report detail

The duties and powers of the Health and Wellbeing Board include the following:

- Duty to encourage integrated working between commissioners of health services and commissioners of social care services
- Power to encourage close working (in relation to wider determinants of health):
 - Between itself and commissioners of health related services
 - Between commissioners of health services or social care services and commissioners of health-related services
- Duty to provide opinion on whether a commission plan from either the CCG, Local Authority, NHS Commissioning Board or Local HealthWatch has taken proper account of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

3.1 Involvement of other bodies in assessment of a Commissioning Plan

In seeking to form an opinion on whether a Commissioning Plan from any of the bodies listed takes proper account of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Health and Wellbeing Board may wish to include views from other bodies e.g HealthWatch and/ or the relevant Local Authority Scrutiny Committee. This would require co-ordination between the forward plans of the respective groups in order for this to be achieved in a timely manner and may not be achievable in the early stages of implementation of this new process.

3.2 Process of assessing a Commissioning Plan

A consistent approach to the assessment of commissioning plans is desirable. A draft template for capturing the assessment is attached at appendix 1. This follows the chapter structure of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and requires both narrative and a reference to relevant parts the commissioning plan to support the statements made. In this way members of the Board can check whether they agree with the assessments made. It also invites comment on gaps between the commissioning plan and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. If included in the process, HealthWatch and Overview and Scrutiny Panels could record their assessment in the same format.

It is proposed that the review process will contain the following steps for individual commissioning plans:

- a) Date for assessment by Health and Wellbeing agreed
- b) Officers from the organisation/body that has developed the commissioning plan will undertake a process of self assessment against the ambitions and key priorities within each section of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy recording their assessment in the template attached at appendix 1.
- c) Commissioning Plan and self assessment circulated to HealthWatch and Scrutiny Panel for comment (if agreed)
- d) The commissioning plan, the completed self assessment template and comments from HealthWatch and Scrutiny Panel will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration.
- e) The Health and Wellbeing Board will provide an opinion on whether the commissioning plan has taken proper account of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

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Review of commissioning plans against key recommendations for 13/14
within Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS)

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The commissioning plan of which organisation/body is being reviewed?.....

Name and role of person undertaking review:

Section within JHWS	How does the commissioning plan contribute to achieving the ambition and key priorities within this section?	Where, in the commissioning plan is this referenced? (page no, section etc)	Gaps identified and future plans
Section 5: Wellbeing in Walsall			
Section 6: Give every child the best start in life			
Section 7: Enable all children and young people to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives			

Section 8: Employment and improving employability			
Section 9: Creating and developing healthy and sustainable places and communities			
Section 10: Improving health and wellbeing through healthy lifestyles: Making 'healthier choices easier'			
Section 11: Reducing the burden of preventable disease, disability and death			
Section 12: Healthy ageing and independent living			