

# BRIEFING NOTE

Agenda Item no. 5

TO: Social Care and Inclusion Scrutiny Panel  
DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2012

RE: Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

## Purpose

To brief the Social Care and Inclusion Scrutiny Panel on the establishment and progress of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board in Walsall.

### 1. Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

As part of the Health and Social Care Bill, each local authority is obliged to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board in shadow format until April 2013. The role is to:

- Promote integration and partnership working between the NHS, social care, public health and other local services and strategies;
- Lead the joint strategic needs assessments, promoting collaboration on local commissioning plans, including supporting joint commissioning arrangements;
- Build partnerships to enable service changes and prioritisation.
- Act as the focal point for decision making about health and wellbeing, bringing together commissioners with patient representatives.

The Health and Wellbeing Board will ensure the production of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Walsall, which will utilise the evidence gathered from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

### 2. Establishment in Walsall

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board has now been established, this is chaired by Councillor Zahid Ali. The first meeting of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board took place on the 5 March 2012, with a programme of subsequent meetings diarised. Representation on the Board includes:

- Elected Members
- Executive Director for Adult Services
- Executive Director for Children's Services
- Executive Director for Neighbourhood Services
- Director of Public Health
- Clinical Commissioning Group Representatives (x 5)
- Voluntary Sector
- LINK representative (to be replaced by Health Watch when established).
- NHS Walsall
- My NHS

Terms of Reference are being developed, along with a draft work programme. Early items being considered for the work programme include Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy, Shadow Board development, current structure of partnership working and groups in order to map relationships and governance.

A technical support group has been agreed which will support and co-ordinate the delivery of actions between meetings. This will involve officers from across the Council and its partners.

It was agreed that communications would be led by the partner for whom the issue had greatest relevance, but that comment would be provided by the Chair.

### **3. Next meeting**

The next meeting of the Board will take place on 16 April 2012. Invitations have been extended to the Manor Hospital and the Dudley and Walsall Mental Health Trust to brief the Board on their respective current positions, in relation to Foundation Status.

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