

Briefing note for Health and Wellbeing Board
22nd September 2014
Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge (January 20-23rd 2015)

Introduction

The Local Government Association (LGA) is working with national partners to provide a 'Health and Wellbeing System Improvement Programme' for health and wellbeing boards, local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and local Healthwatch organisations.

Warwickshire is keen to participate in this Programme and has commissioned a 'Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge', which involves a team of six peers visiting us for four days of onsite activity and reviews.

Progress

Initial discussions have been held with the LGA, Cllr Secombe and Jim Graham to start the process of scheduling, scoping and preparing for the Peer Challenge.

The LGA has suggested a lead-in time of four months in order for them to source a representative team of peers, and for us to prepare the timetable and make all the necessary arrangements.

Based on our recent experience of organising the Council's Corporate Peer Challenge, we agree that four months is appropriate. On this basis, the Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge has been scheduled for 20-23 January 2015, which coincides with the January meeting of the Board.

Methodology

The LGA has a standard methodology for conducting the Peer Challenge, which is based around five high-level questions. However, they are also very keen to tailor the activity to any specific local focus areas that we want to be explored.

Although the Peer Challenge is being hosted and coordinated by the Council, the activity will be focused on the whole health and wellbeing 'system', so all Board representatives will be included and all contributions will be welcomed.

The Peer Team will feed back some initial findings on the last day of the challenge, and a more formal and detailed feedback letter will be sent to us within three weeks. The LGA will support us in holding an Action Planning workshop after the week, to put improvement plans in place.

Peer Team

- Deb Cadman, Chief Executive, Suffolk County Council
- Helen Watson, DAS/DCS, South Tyneside Council
- Dr Ian Cameron, Director of Public Health, Leeds City Council
- Dr Sarah Schofield, GP, West Hampshire CCG
- To be confirmed:*
- Cllr Christine Field, Chair, HWB, West Sussex County Council
- Cllr Sharon Taylor, Leader, Stevenage Borough Council

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Project Support

The Council has been asked to provide project management support for the Peer Challenge with regard to:

- Coordinating responses to the request for local focus areas
- Drafting the self-assessment, based on input from the Board
- Developing a timetable, based on input from the Board
- Making practical arrangements (e.g., room bookings, catering, car parking, reception cover etc.)
- Coordinating activities during the week (meeting and greeting, troubleshooting etc.)

Actions for the Board

1. Defining the local focus areas

It is felt that a tailored Warwickshire approach to the Peer Challenge (going beyond the five standard LGA questions) will yield the most benefit for all partners.

Therefore, we are seeking Board member views on defining the local focus areas.

Please give some thought to what you would like the Peer Team to explore, and send your suggestions to hwpeerchallenge@warwickshire.gov.uk

These are the five standard questions:

1. Is there a clear, appropriate and achievable approach the health and wellbeing of local residents?
2. Is the Health and wellbeing board at the heart of an effective governance system? Does leadership work well across the local system?
3. Are local resources, commitment and skills across the system maximised to achieve local health and wellbeing priorities?
4. Are there effective arrangements for evaluating impacts of the health and wellbeing strategy?
5. Are there effective arrangements for ensuring accountability to the public?

2. Self-assessment

To assist the Peer Team ahead of their visit, the Board will need to produce a self-assessment, which typically takes the form of a positioning statement (please refer to the [Council's Corporate Peer Challenge positioning statement](#) as an example). The Board's agreed local focus areas will need to be included and explained within this.

3. Providing direction and authority

While the Council can offer project support (see above), the Board is asked to consider how best it can work with us to provide the required detail. For example, it may be useful to have:

- A lead decision-maker who can provide day-to-day approvals on arrangements
- A lead user who can provide specialist knowledge, such as input to the self-assessment and names of potential invitees etc.

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4. Pre-site work

The LGA will be undertaking some pre-site work, which involves a questionnaire of Board members and some analysis of that data. We will inform you of timescales and requirements as they develop.

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