

Health & Wellbeing Board

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Coventry & Warwickshire Concordat and Health & Wellbeing Board Alignment

Recommendation(s)

1. The Health & Wellbeing Boards of Coventry & Warwickshire approve the proposed revisions to the Concordat and approve its formal publication in September 2016.
2. The Health & Wellbeing Boards approve the approach to greater alignment between Warwickshire & Coventry Health & Wellbeing Boards as set out in the paper.
3. The Health & Wellbeing Boards agree to a joint development session in Autumn 2016 which will focus on the Coventry and Warwickshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 There is a longstanding history of joint working and integration across Coventry and Warwickshire and the respective Council bodies.
- 1.2 In relation to Health & Wellbeing, Coventry City and Warwickshire County Council operate two independent Health & Wellbeing Boards, although there are a number of representatives who attend both.
- 1.3 The emerging Sustainable Transformation Plan (STP) relevant to both Boards is being developed on a Coventry & Warwickshire footprint.
- 1.4 The Coventry & Warwickshire Health & Wellbeing Alliance Concordat has also been agreed in principle by both HWB Boards, with minor amends to be made to the final wording.
- 1.5 This paper seeks to build upon ongoing discussion between members of both Boards and systems and identifies opportunities for greater alignment and finalisation of the Concordat.

2.0 Options and Proposal

2.1 HWB Concordat

2.1.1 When considering the Concordat in June/July 2016 both HWB Boards endorsed the overall intention of the Concordat and independently identified further work on two particular areas, prior to its formal publication:

a. Robustness of the financial gap figure of £500m

Detailed calculation of this total is now incorporated within the STP development process. Finance leads are verifying the final figure over August 2016 and it is proposed that the same figure is used for the STP and the Concordat – which now includes both Health and Social Care savings for Coventry & Warwickshire.

b. Wording of Principle 4

The principle currently reads as:

'We will only take decisions that impact on other parts of the system after consultation'

On 30th June, Coventry HWB proposed a slight change as set out below.

'We will consider the impact of our decisions on other parts of the system after consultation'

Subsequent discussion with Warwickshire Board and Executive team has exposed a desire to make this both as strong and pragmatic as possible. A further alternative based upon these discussions is set out below:

'We will take decisions that we know will impact on other parts of the system, only after we have talked to each other'

These amendments are presented to both HWB Boards for final agreement at the September meeting

2.2 HWB Board Alignment

2.2.1 In support of the Concordat and STP there is an expressed commitment and to seek greater alignment of interest and approach across the two HWB Boards.

2.2.2 There is however a practical challenge to this as the Boards meetings for the coming 6 months are already set and do not align, as illustrated in the table below:

	Coventry	Warwickshire
Sept 2016	5 th	8 th
Oct 2016	17 th	
Nov 2016		9 th
Dec 2016	5 th	
Jan 2017		23 rd
Feb 2017	6 th	
March 2017		22 nd

2.2.3 There is support for the two Boards to participate jointly in two dedicated development sessions – the first of which is focused on the STP. It is envisaged that both would shape the work programmes and direction of the Boards for 2017/18.

2.2.4 There is also an opportunity to agree two further development sessions as part of the Committee meeting schedule for 2017/18 as these are currently being set.

2.2.5 In the meantime representatives who attend both Boards will continue to facilitate joint working between the Boards on an informal basis.

3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

3.1 The approach to addressing the need for alignment is set out below. It is designed as a phased approach which addresses the key immediate issues and takes a pragmatic approach to influencing future meeting schedules and the development of shared agendas:

Sept 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint paper to be considered by each Board
Oct/Nov 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint HWBB development session held on STP
Dec/Jan 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint HWBB development session
2017/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 further joint development sessions per annum identified for the two Boards in 2017/18

Background papers

N/A

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