Health and Wellbeing Board 23 January 2017

Health and Wellbeing Board Management

Recommendation(s)

1. The Board members support the ongoing iterative improvement of the support and management of the HWB Board.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 Recommendations from the King's Fund at the first of three Boards observed by the King's Fund included:
 - Volume of business could be reduced to encourage 'real work' together with interdependent tasks / decisions
 - Strategic priorities could be used as a touchstone for agenda planning and briefing contributors to help stay focused on 'real work' and to help identify actions collectively and individually
 - Presenters and reports to make links to other parts of the system, such as the STP, explicit
 - Board members should be clear what their part should be in taking forward actions within their respective organisations
 - Opportunity to increase time dedicated to learn from others and building informal networks
 - Development sessions at the end of the Board provide opportunities to reflect and make sense of learning from practice
 - Time to reflect on 'what are we learning about systems leadership' could be built in as part of regular committee process

2.0 Options and Proposal

2.1 Reflecting feedback from the 1st Board development session, the following improvements have been immediately made:

Agenda management

- The Boards time will be focused on key strategic issues and fulfilling statutory duties
- Greater time will be allowed for items and key live issues
- Items for information will be shared through the HWB newsletter and this will be refreshed in early 2017 to accommodate this
- Update reports will be grouped together on the agenda and issues raised by exception

 Time will be set aside at the start and end of each Board meeting for development/reflection outside the items

Reports

- Where reports are submitted to the board these will be succinct and clearly set out the purpose and requirements of the Board
- Reports will demonstrate the connection to the HWB Properties and/or the Concordat principles

Forward Plan

- The forward plan is currently managed largely through ad hoc requests from officers within the HWB system
- As part of the development of the Board we are in the process of improving the shared ownership of the forward plan across organisations to avoid a County Council focussed HWB Agenda
- The forward plan will be shared at every Health and Wellbeing Board and HWB Executive Team and Board members are encouraged to make additions
- Items for the HWB Newsletter will be requested at every Board and HWB Executive Team in order to learn from within and outside our own networks
- The Board agrees to take ownership of the forward plan and identify decision points which require input from the Board in 2017/18
- 2.2 More complex work relating to roles and governance, will be progressed through the wider HWB development plan through the HWB Executive Team.

3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 3.1 Development of the HWB Board is considered to be an iterative process.
- 3.2 Improvements will be adopted in 'real time' following the next two Boards observed by the King's Fund and further improvements made as required.

Background papers

None

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