

Health & Wellbeing Board

6 September 2017

Warwickshire Children's Safeguarding Board Memorandum of Understanding

Recommendations

That the Health and Well-being Board

1. Endorses the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children's Memorandum of Understanding in so far as it relates to the Health and Wellbeing Board and its activities.

1. Background

- 1.1 In 2015, the Health and Wellbeing Board undertook a wide ranging review of its governance arrangements. This included a workshop involving partner agencies and further consultation work around issues such as the Board's purpose, its membership, its relationship with other bodies and its structural and operating arrangements.
- 1.2 With the benefit of two years of operating, this report asks the Board to endorse the Memorandum of Understanding which has been drafted by the Warwickshire Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB) and which sets out the relationship between the WSCB and the HWB (amongst other bodies).

2. Key issues

- 2.1 The WSCB has developed a Memorandum of Understanding which sets out the relationship it has with various other bodies who have a role to play in safeguarding. It is recognised good practice for such a Memorandum to be drawn up given the various bodies involved in safeguarding and the complex nature of the partnership arrangements that exist.
- 2.2 One element of the memorandum relates to the relationship between the WSCB and the HWB. Attached at Appendix 1 are the relevant extracts from the Memorandum of Understanding which relate to the HWB. Other elements of the Memorandum relate to WSCB's relationship with other bodies and committees such as the Coventry and Warwickshire Family Justice Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. These have not been included in this report however the Memorandum of Understanding is a public document and

will be publicised via the WSCB website once all the appropriate approvals are in place.

- 2.3 The HWB is asked to endorse the Memorandum which complements the HWB's commitment to make children's services a priority in 2017/18.

3.0 Next steps

- 3.1 This report seeks endorsement of the WSCB's Memorandum of Understanding in so far as it relates to the HWB and its activities.

- 3.2 The current HWB Strategy is in its final year of operation and the Board has committed to developing a refreshed Strategy by Spring 2018. This will provide a further opportunity to review all relationships to the HWB Board to ensure that the arrangements remain fit for purpose.

4. Background Papers

None

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APPENDIX 2 - MOU between WSCB and the Health and Wellbeing Board (extract)

The HWB is a statutory committee of the county council with members from the County Council (Social Care and Public Health), Clinical Commissioning Groups, District & Borough Councils, the Police & Crime Commissioner, NHS provider Trusts, Health Watch Warwickshire and NHS England. Its purpose is:

- To provide strategic direction and develop shared outcomes for improving health and well-being in Warwickshire by bringing together relevant partners whose functions have an impact on health and well-being
- To create collective ownership and accountability among partners for the delivery of shared health and well-being outcomes to Warwickshire residents
- To promote positive health and well-being among the Warwickshire public and encourage integration between social care and health
- To undertake the specific roles required of it under statute and best practice guidance (eg; prepare and publish Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and HWB Strategy, approve the Better Care Fund quarterly and annual reports, approve Section 75 agreements, act as a statutory consultee on a range of matters related to the CCGs, undertake a needs assessment for pharmaceutical services)
- To have oversight of commissioning activity which supports the delivery of the HWB strategy and to encourage a co-ordinated approach to commissioning activity across partner organisations

Development of strategy and direction between the WSCB and HWB

The HWB must appropriately consider the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children throughout its work.

The WSCB will share its proposed 3 year Strategic Plan to the HWB prior to finalisation to enable the HWB to input into it.

The HWB will seek contribution from the WSCB into the development of its Health and Wellbeing Strategy and delivery plans.

Delivery and performance reporting between the WSCB and HWB

Through its annual report, the WSCB will provide an evaluation of the effectiveness of arrangements to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of children in Warwickshire, and will provide this to the HWBB to inform its strategy and plan.

The HWBB will present its annual review to WSCB to enable the WSCB to take into account the wider health and wellbeing context in developing its strategy and plan.

Communication between the WSCB and HWB

Each board will share agendas and minutes of their meetings with the other.