

Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board

11 September 2019

Governance Arrangements for the Coventry & Warwickshire Health & Care Partnership

Recommendation(s)

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Endorses the governance arrangements for the Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Care Partnership (formerly the STP) as proposed by Professor Sir Chris Ham (independent chair).
2. Recognises the key role of the three Place Partnership Boards (North Warwickshire, Rugby and South Warwickshire) in delivering the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Strategy and agrees to receive regular reports from these Boards.
3. Considers and recommends to Council any changes to representation arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing Board.

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 In February 2019, Warwickshire County Council held a public interest debate to debate the following motion: 'This Council believes that an integrated care system focused on communities is the right way forward for the health and wellbeing of citizens in Warwickshire.' In his presentation to this meeting, Professor Sir Chris Ham, the independent chair of the STP (known as Better Health, Better Care, Better Value) committed to improving the transparency of the health system in Coventry and Warwickshire.
- 1.2 A governance review has been conducted, led by a task group involving senior representatives of Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council alongside NHS organisations.
- 1.3 A copy of Professor Sir Chris Ham's report, including his proposals for future governance, can be found in Appendix A. The key elements are set out in Section 2 below.
- 1.4 Alongside a review of the governance of the health and care system, it is a logical step for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider whether its own membership remains appropriate or whether it wishes to consider recommending any changes to Council.

2.0 Options and Proposal

2.1 It is proposed that the governance arrangements as set out in Appendix A are endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Board, including:

- a new Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Care Partnership Board will be established to work alongside the Joint Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board (the Place Forum);
- the two bodies will have many (if not all) members in common and will meet on the same day in the same place, but with different agendas;
- the Partnership Board will meet in public, with published terms of reference, agenda and minutes;
- the current Better Health, Better Care, Better Value board will be replaced by a new Partnership Executive Group (PEG) whose members will be drawn from NHS organisations, Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council. PEG will report to the Partnership Board;
- each of the four 'places' (North Warwickshire, South Warwickshire, Rugby and Coventry) will have a Partnership Board for their place; and
- the 'Place Forum' will continue to be a developmental workshop led by the two Health and Wellbeing Boards.

2.2 If the Health and Wellbeing Board endorses these recommendations, it is important to ensure that new arrangements build on existing local arrangements. The Place Partnership Boards proposed in these arrangements will have a key role in bringing together the Health and Wellbeing Board county wide priorities and the local health and wellbeing priorities, both identified through the JSNA, with the health and care system priorities identified through the NHS long term plan.

2.3 There are existing partnership boards in North Warwickshire (covering North Warwickshire and Nuneaton and Bedworth), South Warwickshire (covering Warwick and Stratford Districts) and Rugby and it is proposed that they take on the role of the Place Partnership Board in their areas.

2.4 As these Place Partnership Boards will play a key role in delivering the Health and Wellbeing Strategy in each 'place', it is proposed that they provide regular reports on progress to the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

2.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the membership of the Board and whether it wishes to recommend any changes to Council.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 None

Background papers

1. None.

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