

Report title: Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Governance Report

Date of meeting: 29 September 2021

Sponsor

(HWB member): James Bullion, Executive Director Adult Social Services

Reason for the Report

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) operates in a rapidly changing landscape. It is appropriate for the Board to consider its governance on a regular basis to ensure that it continues to work efficiently and effectively and is well placed to pursue its strategic priorities.

Report summary

This report highlights some key areas of the HWB's governance arrangements in terms of membership, attendance and adapting to the developments of our Integrated Care System.

Recommendations

The HWB is asked to:

- a) Note that Norfolk County Council has amended its constitution to include East of England Ambulance Trust Membership for the HWB.
- b) Note the changes to HWB representation from organisations and officially welcome new members to the Board.
- c) Note the HWB attendance record for April 2020 – April 2021 (**Appendix A**).
- d) Delegate further discussions around the governance arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing Board and Integrated Care Partnership to James Bullion and Melanie Craig, with a formal proposal brought to the Board for endorsement.
- e) Support the proposal to invite the Chair of the Norfolk and Waveney VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector) Health and Social Care Assembly to be a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board, under the membership for the VCSE sector.

1. Governance Updates

- 1.1 **East of England Ambulance Trust:** Following agreement from the Board in October 2020 to amend HWB membership, to extend a standing invitation to a representative of the East of England Ambulance Trust, Norfolk County Council has now amended its constitution.
- 1.2 **Welcoming new members:** As a result of the 2021 local government elections and staff changes within HWB organisations, we welcome the following new members to the Board:
 - Member for Nominee of Leader of Norfolk County Council – Cllr Lana Hemsall
 - Member for East Coast Community Healthcare CIC – Ian Hutchison
 - Member for East of England Ambulance Trust – Terry Hicks
 - Member for Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust – Stuart Richardson
 - Member for Police and Crime Commissioner – Giles Orpen-Smellie
 - Member for South Norfolk District Council – Cllr Alison Thomas
 - Member for Healthwatch Norfolk – Patrick Peal
- 1.3 **VCSE Assembly:** Emma Ratzer has been appointed as the first Chair of the Norfolk and Waveney VCSE (Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector) Health and Social Care Assembly. This is an incredibly important appointment as the local integrated care

system (ICS) moves towards its launch in 2022 bringing health and social care services, together with the voluntary sector, to join up and improve the delivery of services to the people of Norfolk and Waveney. It is proposed that Emma is invited to become a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board under the membership allocated to the VCSE sector.

- 1.4 **Board meeting attendance:** The annual record of attendance at formal HWB meetings is at *Appendix A*.

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board in an Integrated Care System

- 2.1 Given the emerging cross-over of statutory duties, priorities, membership and scope between the HWB and the new Integrated Care Partnership (ICP), Norfolk County Council's Cabinet have agreed to commence a review of the HWB scope and terms of reference, in order to propose that the HWB take on the ICP role from April 2022.
- 2.2 This proposal clearly needs thinking through carefully. At the time of writing this report we are waiting for the latest ICP guidance to be published. This will support our local conversations and help us develop a solution that reduces duplication, streamlines representation, and utilises the strategic expertise of the existing HWB to be an effective partner to the Integrated Care Board.
- 2.3 Developments around the ICP arrangements will need to move quickly over the next few months. It is therefore recommended to the Board that further discussions around the governance arrangements for the HWB and ICP are delegated to James Bullion and Melanie Craig, with a formal proposal brought to the Board for endorsement.

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