

Report to: **East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC)**

Date: **16th June 2011**

By: **Chief Executive**

Title of report: **East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board**

Purpose of report: **To consider progress with the development of a Health and Wellbeing Board for East Sussex.**

RECOMMENDATIONS

HOSC is recommended:

- 1. To consider and comment on the development and proposed structure of the Health and Wellbeing Board**
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1. Background

- 1.1** In July 2010 the Government published several NHS White Papers including *'Liberating the NHS'*, which sets out proposals for major reforms to the NHS in England. One aspect of the reforms is the creation of Health and Wellbeing Boards in every top tier local authority area in England. This is currently going through Parliamentary process.
- 1.2** Health and Wellbeing Boards will be a statutory requirement and are a formal if unusual Council committee with statutory function. Their functions, as currently set out in draft legislation are to:
 - 'encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in that area to work in an integrated manner,
 - provide such advice, assistance or other support as it thinks appropriate for the purpose of encouraging the making of arrangements in connection with the provision of such services,
 - encourage persons who arrange for the provision of health-related services in its area to work closely with the health and wellbeing board,
 - encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in its area and persons who arrange for the provision of any health-related services in its area to work closely together.'

In addition GP commissioning consortia are also required to consult with Health and Wellbeing boards when drawing up their annual plan "setting out how it proposes to exercise its functions in that year".

Additionally the bill says Health and Wellbeing boards may group together to discharge their function

Officially they currently need to be in place by April 2012 as a Shadow Board taking full responsibility from April 2013.
- 1.3** There is currently a pause at national level in the progress of the Health and Social Care Bill whilst the government undertakes a listening exercise which will inform any changes or refinements to the legislation. It is possible therefore that there could be changes to the proposed remit, structure or timescale for introduction of the Boards.

2. Progress in East Sussex

- 2.1 HOSC received a report on progress with implementation of NHS reforms locally at its meeting on 10th March 2011. This included a discussion of the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board. As a Department of Health early implementer and because of the many interdependencies with health East Sussex wished to moved forward on this agenda. A shadow Board is expected to be in place in East Sussex by September 2011 but that it would continue to evolve and develop beyond this date especially in the light of the Pause, Listen, Reflect, Improve activity.
- 2.2 Since March 2011 work has been done looking at how others are developing their Boards across the country.
- 2.3 Consultation is underway through the East Sussex County Council website with links from the East Sussex Strategic Partnership website, as well as emailing stakeholders. Information about the proposed structure and including the consultation papers are attached in appendix 1. We would welcome HOSC views on the proposals.

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Background papers:
Liberating the NHS: Equity and Excellence, Dept. of Health, July 2010

Have your say about the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Health and Social Care Bill is going through Parliament. This Bill requires the County Council to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board. As a Department of Health early implementer and because of the many interdependencies with health East Sussex wished to move forward on this agenda. We would like the Board to be the 'Guardian of the whole health and care system for East Sussex'. A shadow Board is expected to be in place in East Sussex by September 2011 but that it would continue to evolve and develop beyond this date especially in the light of the Pause, Listen, Reflect, Improve activity. We have put together some ideas for how this will work in East Sussex and we would like your views on our plans.

Who can take part?

It's important that we hear from as many people as possible. We are keen to hear your views if you:

- are a voluntary or community organization especially if you work with people who use health and social care services or their carers
- an East Sussex GP
- work in health and care services or aligned areas such as pharmacy, environmental health and housing

Background Information

Establishing the Health and Wellbeing Board is a statutory requirement of the new legislation. It is a formal (but unusual) Council Committee as officers will be voting with Councillors and other local representatives. This new board will have statutory powers and meet in public.

Because we are a Department of Health 'early implementer' we need to have a Board in place by April 2012. However, we have decided to set up a Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board from September 2011 to help us prepare for our new responsibilities.

There may be changes as the Bill progresses through parliament, which might have an impact on our current plans.

How to take part

There are a number of ways you can give us your views.

Complete the [online survey](#).

Print the 'post' survey below. The postal address is on the form.

This consultation closes on DATE NEEDED.

Do you use a screen reader?

We're sorry that our standard online questionnaires are not accessible to

people with a visual impairment who use screen reading software.

Please use this alternative questionnaire:

[Screen reader compatible questionnaire](#)

What happens next

We will consider the information we receive and a report will be presented to the Shadow Board in October 2011. The Board will decide if any changes need to be made and any actions that have been taken as a result of your feedback and will be published on the County Council's website in Autumn 2011.

Enquiries

If you have any queries or comments about this consultation, or you need a copy of the information in a different format – such as large print, Braille, or in a different language – please contact **Barbara Deacon:**

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Documents: *include any documents that are relevant to the project*

Have your say about the Health and Wellbeing Board

We would like the Board to be the 'Guardian of the whole health and care system for East Sussex' that sets the direction of change clearly linked to improvement in patient and services user outcomes and promoting joint working across area that commission services.

Q1 Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the suggestion that the Health and Wellbeing Board should be the Guardian of the whole health care system for East Sussex?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agree | <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> neither agree nor disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |

Q2 If you disagree or strongly disagree with this suggestion why is this?

The Board will be required to develop a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of the health of East Sussex residents. This will cover the current and future health and wellbeing needs of our residents and should lead to improved outcomes and reductions in health inequalities. In addition the Board will have to develop a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. This should outline how cross-sector partners will work together to improve the health of everyone, with the result that people feel well and live longer, businesses lose fewer working days and our health and care services experience less pressure.

Q3 Is there anything else that you think the Board should have responsibility for?

The proposed membership of the board would be:

Voting (as required by legislation):

- 4 Elected members of the County Council, as nominated by the Leader
- Director of Adult Social Care
- Director of Children and Young People
- Director of Public Health
- GPCC representation
- District and Borough representation - the proposal is 2 representatives as this mirrors the East Sussex Strategic Partnership
- Local HealthWatch - (if they remain part of the decision making process rather than scrutiny)

Others non voting

- Chief Executive of ESCC
- Representation from the voluntary and community sector that is being identified by SpeakUp
- Others such as the PCTs

We have given voting rights to those people who are required by legislation to be on the Board and/or are democratically accountable. Those people who do not fulfil these criteria but have an important role to play on the board have not been given voting rights.

Q4 Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the proposed membership of the Board?

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agree | <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> neither agree nor disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |

Q5 If you disagree or strongly disagree with the proposed membership of the board who do you think should sit on the Board?

Q6 Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the split in voting and non voting members of the Board?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agree | <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> neither agree nor disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |

Q7 If you disagree or strongly disagree with this approach why is this?

The Board needs to be able to fulfil its strategic function but it is also important that other partners and stakeholders can feed in their views. To support this we are proposing to use the assembly approach that has been successful in East Sussex. The assembly would feed their views into the Board.

Q9 Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the proposal to follow the assembly approach for the new Board?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agree | <input type="checkbox"/> strongly disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> neither agree nor disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> don't know |

Q10 If you disagree or strongly disagree with this proposal why is this?

About you

We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally and that no one gets left out. That's why we ask you these questions. We won't share the information you give us with anyone else. We will only use it to help us make decisions and make our services better.

If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.

Q11 Are you completing this survey as an individual or on behalf of an organisation (e.g. Parish Council, voluntary organisation, etc).

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> As an individual | <input type="checkbox"/> On behalf of an organisation |
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Q12 Are you.....?

Please select one answer

- Male
- Female
- Prefer not to say

Q13 Do you identify as a transgender or trans person?

Please select one answer

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q14 Which of these age groups do you belong to?

Please select one answer

- under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-59
- 60-64
- 65-74
- 75-79
- 80-84
- 85+
- Prefer not to say

Q15 What is your postcode?

Q16 To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong? (source: 2011 census)

Please select one answer

- White British
- White Irish
- White Gypsy/Roma
- White Irish Traveller
- White other*
- Mixed White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed White and Black African
- Mixed White and Asian
- Mixed other*
- Asian or Asian British Indian
- Asian or Asian British Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi
- Asian other*
- Black or Black British Caribbean
- Black or Black British African
- Black other*
- Arab
- Chinese
- Prefer not to say
- Other ethnic group*

*If your ethnic group was not specified in the list please describe your ethnic group. _____

The Equality Act 2010 describes a person disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted or is likely to last at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day to day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

Q17 Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?

Please select one answer

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q17a If you answered yes, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you.

You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select all that apply. If none of these apply to you please select other and write in the type of impairment you have.

- Physical impairment
- Sensory impairment (hearing and sight)
- Long standing illness or health condition, such as cancer, HIV, heart disease, diabetes or epilepsy
- Mental health condition
- Learning disability
- Prefer not to say
- Other

If other, please specify _____

Q18 Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion or belief?

Please select one answer

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Q18a If you answered yes which one?

Please select one answer

- Christian
- Buddhist
- Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim
- Sikh
- Any other religion

If other, please specify _____

Q19 Are you...

Please select one answer

- Bi/Bisexual
- Heterosexual/Straight
- Gay woman/Lesbian
- Gay Man
- Other
- Prefer not to say

Q20 If there are significant changes to the Bill which affects the Boards role and function would you like us to consult you about this again?

- No
- Yes
- Maybe

Q21 If you would like us to consult you again please provide your contact details

Name and Title

Telephone number

email address
