



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - 16 NOVEMBER 2017

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE BETWEEN MEETINGS

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of urgent actions taken by the Chief Executive, following agreement to cancel the meeting of the Board on 21 September, on a number of items which had been due to be considered at that meeting.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive under delegated powers, following consultation with the Chairman of the Board, as detailed in paragraphs 6 to 14 below, be noted.

Policy Framework

3. The County Council's Constitution, which applies to the operation of the Health and Wellbeing Board, gives power to the Chief Executive to take action between meetings which he considers is urgent after consultation with the Chairman of the Board.

Background

4. The Health and Wellbeing Board was scheduled to meet on 21 September 2017. However, prior to the meeting a number of members had indicated that they would be unable to attend. Consideration was given to the likely attendance, and although the meeting would have been quorate, the decision was taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board, to cancel the meeting.
5. The majority of items on the agenda required the Board to note the information contained within the reports. However, there were some items where further action was required. These are detailed below:-

Progress on the Children and Families Plan

6. The report proposed a number of changes to the outcomes in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy that related to children, following

discussion at a workshop in August 2017. The overarching statement in the Strategy was currently “*Children and young people in Leicestershire are safe and living in families where they can achieve their full potential and have good health and wellbeing*”. The report proposed that this should be changed to “*Children and Families in Leicestershire are safe and living in families where they can achieve their full potential*”. Proposed changes to the outcomes are set out below:

<u>Original HWB Outcome Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Revised Outcome Wording</u>	<u>Proposed Strategic Owner</u>
Ensure the best start in life for children and their families	Ensure the best start in life	NHS Officer to be confirmed
Work proactively in partnership to keep children and young people safe and free from harm and sexual exploitation	Safe and free from harm	Head of Public Protection or similar level officer, Leicestershire Police
Support those families identified as most troubled to become self-sufficient and resilient	Support families to be self-sufficient and resilient	Jane Toman, Leicestershire District Council representative
Enable children with special educational needs and/or disabilities, and their families, to receive personalised, integrated care and support to become increasingly independent	Ensure vulnerable families receive personalised, integrated care and support	Paul Meredith, Interim Director of Children and Families, Leicestershire County Council
Enable children in care to experience good physical and mental health	Enable children to have good physical and mental health	Mike Sandys, Director of Public Health, Leicestershire County Council

7. The report also proposed a change to the Terms of Reference for the Children and Families Partnership, to state that “membership will be regularly reviewed to ensure the effective operation of the partnership and that this will be reported yearly to the Health and Wellbeing Board”.
8. The Chief Executive of the County Council, under delegated powers, has approved the revised outcomes and the revision to the Terms of

Reference. The views of Board members were sought prior to the Chief Executive taking this decision.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

9. The report sought approval from the Board to undertake consultation on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and set out the proposed approach and timetable. The report stated that the consultation would commence on 25 September and close on 31 December 2017. Given that there was no further opportunity for the Health and Wellbeing Board to meet before the start of the consultation, the Chief Executive, under delegated powers, took the decision for the consultation to be undertaken as proposed.
10. The consultation is now live on the County Council's website and can be accessed via <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/have-your-say/current-consultations/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment>

Further Reports to the Board

11. There were two other items on the agenda for the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in September which the Chief Executive drew to members' attention via email. These were as follows:-

Delayed Transfers of Care and Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan Submission

12. This report to the Health and Wellbeing Board was the same as that considered by the County Council's Cabinet at its meeting on 15 September. The Chief Executive asked members of the Board to note that the complete resolution from the Cabinet was as follows:-
 - (a) That the target for improving performance on delayed transfers of care across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland by March 2018 be noted;
 - (b) That the inclusion of specific investments to improve hospital discharge within the Better Care Fund (BCF) expenditure plan as detailed in Appendix A and paragraphs 21 to 23 of the report be noted;
 - (c) That it be noted that poor performing areas which fail to implement such improvements could be subject to CQC review and potentially face a withdrawal of that national funding;
 - (d) That the preparation and governance arrangements for the submission of Leicestershire's BCF Plan for 2017/18 – 2018/19 to NHS England by 11 September 2017, such arrangements including the prior agreement of local NHS commissioning bodies and the Accident and Emergency Delivery Board, be noted;

- (e) That the Cabinet notes with concern that NHS England are challenging the submission of the BCF Plan in respect of delayed transfers of care and that the Cabinet wholly supports the Local Government Association and the County Council's Network in resisting NHSE interventions of this sort which seek to impose unrealistic and unachievable targets.
13. The BCF Plan was submitted to NHS England on 8 September. There is ongoing dialogue between local NHS colleagues and NHS England about the submission and the target approved by LLR partners. However, at the time of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting, it would not have been possible to provide any update.

Annual Report of the Safeguarding Boards

14. The Chief Executive invited Board members to submit individual comments on the draft Safeguarding Boards' Annual Reports to the Safeguarding Boards' Business Office prior to the meeting of the Safeguarding Boards on 20 October.

Views of Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board

15. The Chief Executive invited members of the Board to comment on the actions set out in this report. All comments received have supported the action taken by the Chief Executive.

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