

**North Yorkshire's Health and Well-being Board.
(Shadow Form)**

For consultation and discussion.

Introduction

On the 12th July the NHS white paper 'Equity and Excellence – Liberating the NHS' was published. It outlined significant changes to local health and wellbeing governance structures, including the creation of a statutory 'Health and Wellbeing Board'.

This paper sets out suggestions for how the Health and Wellbeing Board could operate in North Yorkshire. It is proposed that that a shadow board is formed by October/November 2011.

The Health & Well-being Board (H&W Board)

The role outlined for local government in leading this board is significant. It gives the opportunity to influence and steer the effective use of local health and social care resources. It is also an opportunity to engage our community in improving its own health and well-being.

We hope you will take time to comment on the terms of reference and the proposed way forward.

Cllr. John Weighell, Leader of the Council

North Yorkshire's Health & Wellbeing Partnership Board (Shadow Form)

Discussion on way forward

Purpose & Function

The Health and Well-being Board exists to allow partners to work better together to deliver the changes required to ensure that everyone in North Yorkshire is able to benefit from improvements in health and well-being.

The Board will

- Provide strong leadership and direction of the health and wellbeing agenda;
- Hold partners to account and promote action in order to develop and implement *North Yorkshire's - Health and Wellbeing Strategy*.
- Be formally accountable to the North Yorkshire's Council Executive and The National Commissioning Board.

Responsibilities

The primary role of the board is described as joining up the commissioning of local NHS services, social care and health improvement allowing local authorities to take a strategic approach and promote integration across health, adult social care, children's services, and the wider local authority agenda'.

The key functions:

1. To assess the needs of the local population and lead the statutory joint strategic needs assessment
2. To promote integration and partnership across areas, including through promoting joined up commissioning plans across the NHS, social care and public health
3. To support joint commissioning and pooled budgets where all parties agree it makes sense

Responsible to ensure:

Active engagement of the Health and Wellbeing Board with partners in order to extend the reach of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Core Processes

Meetings of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be held quarterly. They will be chaired by the Leader of the Council. The lead officer for the H&W Board will be the Corporate Director Health and Adult Services supported by the AD Health Reform and Development and meetings will be serviced through the Health and Adult Services Directorate in partnership with NYCC Committee Services.

An extraordinary meeting will be called when the Chair considers this necessary and/or in the circumstances where the Chair receives a request in writing by 50% of the membership of the Board.

The H&W Board will share information about the progress made through a website, annual conference and reports.

Proposed Membership

Chair	Cllr and County Council Leader Executive Member: John Weighell
County Council Chief Executive	Richard Flinton NYCC CE
District Council Chief Officer Rep and Elected Member Rep.	Representative from Chief Officers of District Council Elected Member from District Council Group
Statutory Roles	Corporate Director Children and Young Peoples Services: Cynthia Welbourne Corporate Director Health and Adult Services: Helen Taylor
Portfolio Holders	Portfolio holders: The Cabinet Lead Member for Health (to be appointed) The Cabinet Lead Member for Health and Adult Services The Cabinet Lead Member for Children and Young People's Services
Health Watch	To be appointed
Clinical Consortium	List Consortiums – To be confirmed
Director of Public Health	To be appointed
Chief Executive of NHS Cluster	Jayne Browne Note this place may in time be taken by a representative of the National NHS Commissioning Board
Board Support	AD Health Reform and Development (None Voting)

Conduct of Meetings

Meetings of the Board will be conducted in public.

The quorum for meetings shall be 50% of its membership.

Decisions shall be made on the basis of a show of hands of a majority of members present.

For avoidance of doubt, membership does not include the officers in attendance in an advisory capacity.

Each meeting will have an open forum session where members of the public may ask questions.

Minutes of meetings will be available on the websites of the council and partner agencies.

The chair shall sign off the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Agendas and supporting papers will be available on the websites of the council and partner agencies one week before the meeting.

The Secretariat and Support Officers involving Committee Services and Health and Adult Services will lead the majority of the work to support the Board's objectives, bringing in additional expertise when required and will make recommendations to the Board for consideration and approval

Governance

The Health and Wellbeing Board will become a statutory constituted County Council committee.

Policy Development and Review

The Board may, if it deems it necessary to improve the health and well-being of the community, direct the Health and Partner Agencies to:

- (i) undertake projects, conduct research and consultations
- (ii) liaise with other external organisations whether national, regional or local, to ensure that the interests of local people are enhanced by collaborative working.

Establishing shared priorities

There needs to be 'buy-in' to the purpose and priorities of the board from all its members. A key activity in establishing the new board will be agreeing joint priorities that adequately cover the concerns of all partners and form a basis on which progress across the health and wellbeing sector can be tracked.

Shared priorities, purpose and support for the board could be established via a facilitated away days involving the key partners from the operational group membership. This group could then put recommended priorities to the Board. It would be useful to have feedback on support for this style of initial engagement.

Relationship to the other North Yorkshire wide Partnership Boards and forums and proposed structure.

The central role that the Health and Wellbeing Board will play in shaping the health and well being landscape including the shape of services in future, raises the question of what its relationship to the other boards and partnership some of which may have statutory recognition such as the Children's Trust.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is the accountable body for ensuring an improvement in the health and well-being of the county's population and for the integration of services. It therefore must hold other partners, boards, agencies and sub groups to account for their part in improving the health and well-being for the population of North Yorkshire while at the same time engaging the many communities of interests in ensuring people themselves and their communities play their part in shaping and contributing to that improvement.

Lifestyle and behaviour; community safety; education, skills and training; transport, Physical, inc housing, and biological environment; social capital; health, public health, disease, and function; poverty, economic participation, population, mindset and cultural vitality and services are some of the function are domains of interest in looking at health and well-being of North Yorkshire.

Existing Forums and Boards

A number of forums and partnerships already exist in North Yorkshire and these now can be viewed as having a working relationship to the body accountable for health and well-being. The proposal is that each will formally link with the H&W Board and all have a part to play in driving forward the health and well-being agenda in North Yorkshire. These include:

People Forums

Including

- Older Peoples Partnership Board;
- Physical and Sensory Impairment Board;
- Learning Disability Partnership Board;
- LinK
- North Yorkshire Youth Councils
- North Yorkshire Carers Forum
- Mental Health Forum (to be formed)

Consultative Groups

Statutory function organisations

