

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL & TELFORD & WREKIN PRIMARY CARE TRUST**

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**THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PARTNERSHIP**

**JOINT REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE TELFORD & WREKIN PCT, THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL, THE TELFORD & WREKIN DIRECTOR OF HEALTH IMPROVEMENT & THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

## **1. PURPOSE**

This report sets out proposals to establish a Health & Well-being Partnership, within the framework of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and to review the existing planning and decision-making groups across health and adult social care.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- **To dissolve the existing Health & Social Care Partnership Board and the Social Inclusion Partnership**
- **To establish a new Health & Well-being Partnership, in line with the requirements of the Local Government White Paper *Strong & Prosperous Communities* and the health and social care White Paper *Our Health Our Care Our Say***
- **To review the existing planning and decision-making groups (eg Local Implementation Teams, Partnership Boards, etc) across health and adult social care and community services which will report to the new Partnership**

## **3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 The health and well-being of the adult population is a key priority of national and local policy.
- 3.2 Telford and Wrekin has a long track record of partnership working across health and social care and social inclusion.
- 3.3 The existing Health and Social Care Partnership was originally established to provide thematic leadership within the LSP across health, adult and children's social services. However, this group has been in abeyance for the past year as a result of major policy and structural changes impacting on adult social care, children's services and the NHS, although the Joint Commissioning Steering Group has continued to meet as a de facto executive officer forum. The Social

Inclusion Partnership was established to track developments with Government's Social Exclusion Unit. Its remit has split between neighbourhood delivery which will now be picked up by the Safer, Stronger Communities Partnership, and vulnerable client or client groups

3.4 A number of national and local changes make it timely to review the LSP thematic arrangements for health and adult social care:

- The recent Local Government White Paper *Strong & Prosperous Communities*, which builds on the agenda set out in the health and social care White Paper *Our Health Our Care Our Say*, and sets out a formal requirement for a statutory Health & Well-being Partnership under the umbrella of the LSP
- the need for a vehicle to oversee progress in delivering the Choosing Health priorities for adult health across Telford & Wrekin
- A review of the collective remit and individual roles of the PCT's Professional Executive Committee and programme areas
- The maturity and remit of the Children and Young People's Partnership arrangements
- The Scrutiny Commission 4 review of Partnerships
- Recent changes to the Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership and the adoption of revised Partnership Strategies inclusive of Neighbourhood Management.
- the national and local direction of travel in promoting health, independence and well-being for adult citizens
- the need to continue strong links between children's and adult services and to develop new partnerships with a broader range of community and voluntary partners
- The requirement to produce a multi-agency Strategic Needs Assessment and Adult Plan (coinciding with the PCT Local Delivery Plan and the Council Priority Plans) during 2007/08 onwards

3.5 It is therefore proposed to establish a new Health & Well-being Partnership (see appendix for terms of reference) which addresses the requirements set out in 3.3 above. The Health and Social Care Partnership and the Social inclusion Partnership will be dissolved. In addition, the PCT Director of Commissioning & Service Improvement and the Adult Social Care Head of Service Development, linking with PCT Professional Executive Committee clinicians, colleagues from the Council's Children & Young People and Community Services portfolios and community, service user and carer representatives, will review the current sub-structure of planning groups, National Service Framework Local Implementation Teams and partnership groups across health and adult social care and community services.

3.6 Although it is not possible to align LSP thematic partnerships exactly alongside central government departmental responsibilities, the new Health & Well-being Partnership will broadly focus on the Department of Health's agenda in relation to health and adult care, whilst

recognising that adults live in families and communities. Value will be added locally through the connection between the Primary Care Trust, and Adult Social Care and Community Services and Children and Young People's Services – ensuring better co-ordination on the wider issues of social inclusion, well-being, transitions and quality of life.

- 3.7 The current Joint Commissioning Steering Group (expanded to include Community Services representation) will oversee the transition to the new Partnership and Partnership Executive arrangements as set out in the Appendix. The four Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Community Services, in consultation with the relevant Corporate Directors, will determine which of them will attend the Partnership Board.

#### **4. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Not applicable

#### **5. Equality and Diversity**

All new arrangements will aim to actively promote equality and diversity in accordance with PCT and Council policies.

#### **6 Environmental Impact**

Not applicable

#### **7 Legal Comment**

The White Paper *Our Health, Our Care, Our Say: a new direction for community services* was published on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2006 and confirms the vision originally set out in the Department of Health Green Paper "Independence Well Being and Choice" for a new direction for the whole health and social care system. This was followed by a number of subsequent publications, including "Our health, our care, our say: Making it happen" on 18/10/06, which sets out a road map to implementation.

*Strong and Prosperous Communities* - The Local Government White Paper was published on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006 by the Department for Communities and Local Government, with the aims of giving local people and local communities more influence and power to improve their lives and delivering better public services through re balancing the relationship between central government, local government and local people. The Implementation Plan for the White Paper was published on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 and follows the introduction to Parliament of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill on 12th December 2006 .There are 5 major workstreams:

- 1) The Bill to receive Royal Assent in Autumn 2007,subject to parliamentary approval

- 2) Performance: Local Area Agreements to become statutory, with duties upon named partners to co-operate
- 3) Governance and empowerment: opportunity for two- tier council areas to seek unitary status with effect from April 2009; Overview and Scrutiny Committees – new powers with effect from April 2008; local councils able to make byelaws (enforcing them through fixed penalty notices) without Secretary of State confirmation by April 2008; reform of code of conduct for Local Authority Members and streamlined Standards Board from April 2008; improved community governance from April 2008 ,including Community Call to Action
- 4) Cities and regions- economic growth and development and Multi Area Agreements
- 5) Community cohesion - looking at issues re: extremism and migrant pressures

## **8 Links with Corporate Priorities**

Addresses key priorities of the Council, the PCT and the LSP

## **9 Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications. The changes will be managed within existing resource allocations for the current partnership arrangements.

## **10 CONSULTATION**

Implications for all Elected Members, PCT Board and Professional Executive Committee members. Further consultation will take place across partner agencies and community, service user and carer groups with regard to the review of the current sub-structure of planning groups, National Service Framework Local Implementation Teams and partnership groups across health and adult social care.

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Not applicable

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## **TELFORD AND WREKIN PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

### **1 Purpose**

To lead and coordinate a partnership approach to delivery of the vision and seven key outcomes for adult services within “Our Health, Our Care, Our Say” across Telford & Wrekin, encompassing a preventive approach to care and wellbeing for adults, families and communities

### **2 Objectives**

- (i) To bring distinctive and added value to existing local partnerships concerned with adult health and wellbeing (for example, Local Implementation Teams), by improving their fitness for purpose, accountability and communication
- (ii) To promote the strategic shift from institutionalised to personalised care
- (iii) Through a partnership approach, to improve health and address local health inequalities, through prevention and addressing the “Choosing Health” priorities
- (iv) To support the development of neighbourhood working from a health and wellbeing perspective, so that it underpins better engagement with local communities, including around the development of services for adults and older people
- (v) To explore, identify and realise opportunities for collaboration with the voluntary and community sector in developing adult services
- (vi) Working with the CYPSPB, to ensure a joined-up approach in the planning and delivery of services for children and adults, particularly transitional issues
- (vii) To inform and influence delivery of the community safety agenda through active links with its programmes

- (viii) To identify and track a manageable set of high level output and outcome measures by which the success of the Partnership will be judged (including relevant LAA and LPSA targets)

### **3 Approach**

The full Partnership Board will meet twice a year. Membership will include senior officers (with decision-making authority) from a range of stakeholder organisations, community leaders, council elected members and NHS non-executive directors.

The Partnership Executive will meet six times a year. Chair to be agreed at first meeting. Membership will include the PCT CEO, BT&W ASC CD, DPH, the Director of Modernisation and Commissioning, BT&W Head of Community Services and Neighbourhood Management, BT&W Head of Adult Service Development, a representative from BT&W CYP and a representative from the voluntary sector. Arrangements for any onward business will be agreed as necessary at the time, but will normally be discharged through established organisational/Directorate business planning arrangements and LITs/other thematic partnerships.

There will also be an annual conference event, for a wide range of managers and front line staff from adult services and other partner organisations.

Newsletter and website

Annual report to the LSP

Annual report to the communities/cluster Boards

### **4 Secretariat**

To be provided jointly by the PCT and BT&W

### **5 Accountability**

Local Strategic Partnership

### **6 Date of Review of Terms of Reference**

Six months following initial agreement, then two yearly

(CW – January 2006)