

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER FORMAL PUBLIC MEETING

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Subject: Health & Wellbeing Board Chairing Arrangements

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Summary:

This paper sets a proposed change to the Board’s Terms of Reference to maintain the historic co-chairing arrangement between the Council and local NHS, following the Board’s previous discussion on Terms of Reference changes in September 2022.

Questions for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

N/A

Recommendations for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

The Board are recommended to:

- Agree that chairing of the Board will be shared between the Chair of the Sheffield City Council Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee, and the NHS Medical Director for Sheffield; and
- Propose the necessary changes to the Board’s Terms of Reference to Full Council at the next available opportunity.

Background Papers:

- [Board Review and Terms of Reference Update](#)

Which of the ambitions in the Health & Wellbeing Strategy does this help to deliver?

This report addresses the functioning of the Board and as a result relates to the Strategy as a whole.

Who has contributed to this paper?

Health & Wellbeing Board Steering Group

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This paper sets a proposed change to the Board's Terms of Reference to maintain the historic co-chairing arrangement between the Council and local NHS, following the Board's previous discussion on Terms of Reference changes in September 2022.

2.0 HOW DOES THIS IMPACT ON HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN SHEFFIELD?

2.1 As the body with principal responsibility for addressing health inequalities in Sheffield, ensuring the Health and Wellbeing Board is fit for purpose is critical to this mission.

3.0 CHAIRING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

3.1 At their September meeting, the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to recommend to Full Council a number of changes to their Terms of Reference, based on the outcome of a review conducted over the last year. These changes have now been approved by Full Council at their meeting on 2nd November 2022, and been incorporated into the Council's Constitution.

3.2 One outstanding issue remains that could not be agreed at the Board's September meeting: that of chairing arrangements for the Board's meetings. Since its inception the Board has been co-chaired by an elected member of the Council and the Chair of the Clinical Commissioning Group Governing Body, with this shared arrangement seen as an important symbol of partnership working.

3.3 With the recent changes to NHS governance following the Health and Care Act 2022, there is a need to identify a new co-chair if this shared approach is to be maintained. At their September meeting, the Board were offered two options for consideration but were unable to make a decision on a preferred approach. As a result of this the Board's Steering Group were asked to consider the issue and propose a way forward.

3.4 The Steering Group have discussed the issue at length, considering the following issues:

- The value of the statement of partnership
- The limited number of Sheffield-specific non-executive roles in the new NHS governance structures
- The issue of executive accountability to governance structures
- A desire to maintain primary care clinical input into the Board
- The potential for a co-chair who is independent of the major statutory organisations

3.5 Following these discussions the Steering Group have agreed that to balance all of these aims, they propose that the co-chairing arrangement be maintained, with the role

being shared between the Chair of the Sheffield City Council Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee, and the Medical Director for Sheffield Place, South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.

- 3.6 The Steering Group make this proposal as the best available option to manage the trade-offs set out above, with a particular focus on the clinical primary care experience and expertise that the current occupant of the role can offer. However, in acknowledgement of the possibility that a different occupant of this may not offer the same skill set, it is recommended that this arrangement is reviewed whenever there is a change in personnel in these roles.
- 3.7 The Health and Wellbeing Board are now asked to agree this proposal, and put it to Full Council at the next available opportunity for incorporation into the Board's Terms of Reference.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Board are recommended to:

- Agree that chairing of the Board will be shared between the Chair of the Sheffield City Council Adult Health and Social Care Policy Committee, and the Medical Director for Sheffield Place, South Yorkshire Integrated Care Board;
- That this arrangement will be reviewed whenever there is a change in personnel in the relevant role(s); and
- Propose the necessary changes to the Board's Terms of Reference to Full Council at the next available opportunity.