

## **Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board**

**22 November 2012**

### **Torbay Health and Wellbeing Board – Future Development**

#### **1. What are we trying to achieve?**

- 1.1 An effective and efficient Health and Wellbeing Board which achieves its vision of a Healthier Torbay.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board has been meeting for over a year. It has considered a range of issues which has informed the preparation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the draft Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 2.2 The Board now needs to focus on how it will operate when it formally takes effect from 1 April 2013. The Board also needs to be mindful that the secondary legislation in relation to the operation of health and wellbeing boards is unlikely to be published before January 2013.
- 2.3 This report provides a framework of the issues which need to be considered over the next six months.

(It is expected that a number of these points will have an initial airing at the Development Session which follows the Board meeting.)

#### **3. Local Government Association – Development Tool for Health and Wellbeing Boards**

- 3.1 The Local Government Association has produced (in partnership with the NHS Leadership Academy and other national organisations) a development tool which uses self-assessment to measure "levels of preparedness" and progress tracking.
- 3.2 The aim is to provide health and wellbeing boards with a tool that will enable them to go beyond assessing how ready the board is, towards how effective it is being in practice and how that effectiveness is enhanced over a period of time.
- 3.3 As part of its Leadership Offer, the LGA will assist in undertaking a desktop review exercise using the Development Tool. This would be followed up with face to face or telephone conversations, with findings captured and any recommendations for further development being reported to a future board meeting.

#### **4. Future Ways of Working**

4.1 Some of the issues which Torbay's Health and Wellbeing Board will need to determine in the coming months include:

- How the Board will monitor the effectiveness of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

(Should a detailed workplan for each outcome within the Strategy be developed or should there be cross-referencing process with existing plans and strategies? Should there be a clear hierarchy of plans? How will performance and progress be monitored? How will the work programme of the Health and Wellbeing Board be constructed?)

- How the Board will engage with stakeholders and the wider community

(Discussions have already started between the emerging Healthwatch, the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Health Scrutiny Board.)

- How the Board will interact with other statutory bodies within Torbay

(Relationships between the Safeguarding Boards, the Communities Board, Healthwatch, Health Scrutiny Board for example.)

- How the Board will interact with other statutory bodies outside Torbay

(Such as Devon Health and Wellbeing Board and the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership.)

4.2 It is hoped that some of these issues will be addressed through the completion of the Development Tool.

#### **5. Working with Devon and Plymouth Health and Wellbeing Boards**

5.1 A South West Regional Simulation Event was held on 4 October 2012 when members and representatives of the Health and Wellbeing Boards around the region were able to discuss a range of scenarios and challenges likely to face Boards.

5.2 Discussions between representatives from the Torbay, Devon and Plymouth Boards recognised the potential for shared benefits through collaboration especially given that many NHS organisations cross Board boundaries.

5.3 The Lead Officers for each Board will be working to prepare "rules of engagement" which will cover:

- Agreement about the type of issues and matters that the three Boards will consider

- Co-ordination of responses from each of the three Boards to proposals for changes to health, public health and social care services
- Shared approaches to consultation and engagement

5.4 It is suggested that a network event/workshop is held on Spring 2013 for all members and representatives of the Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny Committees to discuss these issues.

## **6. Working with Health Scrutiny Board**

6.1 The role of Torbay Council's Health Scrutiny Board has the power to review and scrutinise matters relating to the health service in Torbay and to make reports and recommendations on these matters. How this function is discharged after April 2013 will need to be determined by the Council. However, the Health Scrutiny Board and the Health and Wellbeing Board will need to ensure that there is no duplication in the work that the two Boards are undertaking.

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