

Shropshire Council Shadow Health & Wellbeing Board

Terms of Reference

Purpose

1. To oversee and implement the creation of a Shropshire Health & Wellbeing Board in readiness to assume its statutory responsibilities from April 2013.
2. To propose recommendations regarding this work to:-
 - Shropshire Council Cabinet
 - Shropshire PCT
 - Shropshire GP Commissioning Consortium
3. To drive a genuine collaborative approach to commissioning of improved health and care services which improve the health and wellbeing of local people.
4. To develop a shared understanding of the needs of the local community through the development of an agreed Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
5. To seek to meet those needs through leading on the development and publication of a high level Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy.
6. To oversee the transfer of public health responsibilities and arrangements to the local authority.
7. To consider options for the development of HealthWatch in Shropshire ensuring that appropriate engagement and involvement within existing patient and service user involvement groups takes place.
8. To consider and take advantage of opportunities to more closely integrate health services and social care services in provision and procurement.
9. To keep under review, the financial and organisational implications of joint and integrated working across health and social care services, ensuring that performance and quality standards for health and social care services to children, families and adults are met and represent value for money across the whole system.
10. To consider options and opportunities for the joint commissioning of health and social care services for children, families and adults in Shropshire to meet identified needs (based on the findings of the joint strategic needs assessment) and to consider any relevant plans and strategies regarding joint commissioning of health and social care services for children and adults.
11. To facilitate a key forum for local democratic and public accountability of the NHS, social care for adults and children and other commissioned services that the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board agrees are directly related to health and wellbeing in Shropshire.

12. To consider how best the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board can work with the Shropshire Partnership and by contributing to the anticipated review of the Partnership ensure that the relationship is productive and does not duplicate activity.
13. To identify and act upon changes that may be required following the enactment of the NHS Health and Social Care Bill in order to establish the Statutory Health and Wellbeing Board to replace the Shadow Board.

Proposed Membership

14. This reflects the proposed membership outlined in the NHS White Paper and in Liberating the NHS: Legislative Framework. Additional membership should be considered by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board as part of its development of the Statutory Board as well as a framework to engage with the widest forum of stakeholders:-

- Leader of the Council
- Appropriate Cabinet Members of the Council (Children, Adult Social Care)
- Chief Executive of the Council
- Director of Adult Social Services
- Director of Children's Services
- Director of Public Health
- Representative(s) from the Primary Care Trust/Cluster Board (Officers and Non-executive Directors).
- Representative(s) from the GP Commissioning Consortia
- Representative from the LINKs (CiNCH) (pending the creation of HealthWatch)

An NHS Commissioning Board (NHSCB) representative will attend, as required, when the NHSCB established.

Looking forward, consideration to the appointment of an independent chair may be appropriate.

Support for the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board

15. The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board will be supported by the Group Manager Care and Wellbeing, Shropshire Council and Democratic Services. Future support arrangements for the Statutory Board to be determined.

Frequency of Meetings

16. Meetings will be held quarterly.