

Health and Wellbeing Board 9th June 2016

HEALTH AND WELLBEING AUDIT REPORT

Responsible Officer

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1. Summary

- 1.1 In May 2016, the internal audit team from Shropshire Council completed an audit of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB).
- 1.2 The audit assurance level is limited, stating that 'whilst there is basically a sound system of control in place, the system contains weaknesses which leave some risks unaddressed and there is evidence of non-compliance with some key controls'. It highlights 5 significant areas for improvement and 10 items that require attention.
- 1.3 The Audit can be viewed in total in appendix A. The areas to addressed range from administrative functions such as election of co-chairs and including the organisations that partners belong to in the minutes; to more systematic approaches to the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 1.4 The action plan, which begins on page 15 of the appendix, denotes acceptance of all areas for significant approval and accepts all but one area that requires attention. The action plan denotes the action that will be taken to address the issue.
- 1.5 It is expected that the actions will be addressed to improve the system of controls.

2. Recommendations

1. The Board note and discuss the Audit findings and action plan.
2. The Board advise on areas for development.

R E P O R T

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

- 3.1 The HWBB works to reduce inequalities across Shropshire.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Audit highlights that the Health and Care Act 2012 makes reference to reimbursement for the operation of the HWBB. This needs to be investigated for possible reimbursement,

although the availability of any funding has never been articulated through the LGA network groups.

5. Background

5.1 As part of the approved internal audit plan for 2015/16 Audit Services have undertaken a review of Health partnership Governance.

5.2 The audit has been conducted in accordance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

Additional Information

N/A

6. Conclusions

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
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Appendices
Appendix A – Draft Audit and Action Plan