

## **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD**

### **15 FEBRUARY 2022**

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AND WORCESTERSHIRE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE JOINT WORKING AGREEMENT**

---

### **Board Sponsor**

Sarah Dugan, Chief Executive, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust

### **Author**

Dr Kathryn Cobain

### **Priorities**

Mental health & well-being

Being Active

Reducing harm from Alcohol

Other

Board governance

### **Safeguarding**

Impact on Safeguarding Children

No

If yes please give details

Impact on Safeguarding Adults

No

### **Item for Decision, Consideration or Information**

Decision

### **Recommendation**

**1. The Health and Well-being Board (HWB) is asked to ratify the appended joint working agreement between itself and the NHS Worcestershire Executive Committee (WEC), whilst recognising it to be a live working document that will be revised as the arrangements and Integrated Care System (ICS) evolve.**

### **Background**

2. The HWB initiated a governance review in June 2021. As part of this, the LGA facilitated a series of interviews and discussion groups in July, the outcomes of which included the need to:

- position the HWB as an effective ‘player’ in the local health and social system, clarifying its role and purpose;
- define how the HWB priorities are managed;
- ensure its governance is understood across the system, bringing clarity to its, and others, roles and responsibilities; and

- ensure clear leadership and executive support for the HWB, from its organisational and political leaders, to build confidence in it and access executive resource.
3. To deliver this, two organisational development sessions were arranged with Mike Farrar, an external consultant with experience working across the Worcestershire system. The first, with Health and Wellbeing board members, to explore its role and purpose, and the second jointly with WEC members to consider the joint working arrangements.
  4. Following the two sessions, the attached Joint Working Agreement was been drafted reflecting the conversations and progress made to clarify the two distinct roles of both the HWB and the WEC; their purpose, accountability and positioning as they work together to improve local health outcomes.
  5. The draft agreement was reviewed at the Health and Wellbeing Board's development session on 25 January 2022 and feedback from members has been incorporated.
  6. The agreement is considered a live document, which will be frequently reviewed and updated to reflect the changing working arrangements as the board's develop alongside the evolving ICS across Worcestershire.

### **Legal, Financial and HR Implications**

7. There are no legal, financial or HR implications arising as a result of this report. Governance structures are already in place across the relevant organisations to support and service the HWB and WEC.

### **Privacy Impact Assessment**

8. There are no privacy impact implications arising from this report.

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

9. A full Equality Impact Assessment is not required as a result of this report and the HWB and WEC Joint Agreement.

### **Contact Points**

#### County Council Contact Points

County Council: 01905 763763

Worcestershire Hub: 01905 765765

#### Specific Contact Points for this report

Dr Kathryn Cobain, Director of Public Health

Email: [kcobain@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:kcobain@worcestershire.gov.uk)

Phone: 01905 844382

## **Supporting documents**

HWB and WEC Joint Working Agreement