

Buckinghamshire County Council Select Committee

Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

Report to the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

Title: Update on the Health and Wellbeing Board

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Electoral divisions affected: All

Purpose of Agenda Item

The purpose of this report is to update HASC on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the 2013/14 work programme. Committee members are invited to contribute to the wider discussions taking place about governance across the health and social care system, as well as consider any amendments required to the current HWB/HASC memorandum of understanding.

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- 1. Presentation overview of HWB 2014-15
- 2. HWB work programme
- 3. HWB/HASC Memorandum of Understanding

Summary:

Buckinghamshire's Health and Wellbeing Board has now been operating as a statutory Board since April 2013. The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) provides opportunities for the Council and the NHS to work in partnership with the voluntary sector to understand local need, and develop a shared strategy to address the issues that matter most to local residents.

Since April 2013, Health and Wellbeing Boards have acquired a number of new duties and have been placed at the centre to provide leadership, oversight, challenge and assurance



on the local integration agenda of health and social care. Including shared decision making around how local resources are best used to deliver improved outcomes and value for money for residents.

In light of the new duties and raised national expectations, Buckinghamshire's Health and Wellbeing Board (similar to Health and Wellbeing Boards across the country) has spent significant time over the last year reviewing governance arrangements to ensure it is able fulfil its roles and duties effectively.

The presentation in the agenda pack includes an update on the HWB priorities over the last year as well as its future plans. Further details will be provided at the meeting.

Next steps

 The HWB is due to sign off its revised governance arrangements at its next meeting on 5 March 2015. This report will be shared with HASC following the meeting.