

Report considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board – 15 November 2017

**REVIEW OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

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**Purpose of Report:**

To recommend to the Health and Wellbeing Board that the membership of the board be revised to include a representative from Thames Valley Police.

**1. Background**

1.1 In April 2017, as part of the new partnership arrangements of MK Together, the purpose and terms of reference of the Health and Wellbeing Board were clarified and strengthened. It was agreed that the role of the board would be to:

- Ensure strong democratic legitimacy and involvement
- Enhance working relationships between health and social care
- Develop integrated commissioning of services
- Target activity in order to reduce health inequalities

1.2 The key functions of the board were agreed as;

- (a) To assess the strengths and needs of the local population through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Public Health Report recommending both to Milton Keynes Council's Cabinet and the Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group.
- (b) To agree a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy that drives the priorities for the commissioning plans and public health action for health services, social care, education and other services the Board considers appropriate.
- (c) To promote integrated provision and the joint working and to ensure an integrated approach to commissioning is established, including the promotion of joint commissioning, pooled or aligned budget arrangements where appropriate.
- (d) To oversee and formally comment on the Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group's commissioning plans and joint commissioning plans to ensure they take account of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, referring back to the Clinical Commissioning Group or NHS England where they do not.
- (e) Consider and comment on Healthwatch plans and Annual Report.

1.3 Whilst the substantive membership of the Board was agreed at that time, it has always been the intention that the arrangements will be flexible and be able to respond to changing requirements and expectations of the Milton Keynes system. Since April work has been done across the partnership which has involved not only the original leaders who signed up to the MK Together arrangements, but also other significant people in Milton Keynes. A key contributor to the recent partnership work has been Yvette Hitch, Milton Keynes Area Commander for Thames Valley Police.

## 2. **Recommendations**

2.1 That the Milton Keynes Area Commander for Thames Valley Police be offered an invitation to become a substantive member of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

2.2 That the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board be revised to reflect this change.

## 3. **Key Issues**

3.1 As the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment has identified, many of the outcomes that require improvement for the people of Milton Keynes will only improve if a broad whole system approach is taken.

3.2 It is widely acknowledged that the role of the police service is crucial to protecting vulnerable people and keeping communities safe. For Milton Keynes, it is essential that all our services who have a role in improving the wellbeing of the people in the city, including the police service, work closely together.

3.3 It is therefore proposed that the Milton Keynes Area Commander for Thames Valley Police is offered an invitation to become a substantive member of the Health and Wellbeing Board so that the work that police undertake can continue to be closely aligned to the Health and Wellbeing Board strategy.