



Milton Keynes Community Safety Partnership

Responsible Authorities Group (RAG)

21 March 2013

Information Report

Subject: Health and Wellbeing Board

Reason for report

To provide the RAG with information on the Milton Keynes Health and Wellbeing Board

Items for consideration

To note the development of a Health and Wellbeing Board and recognise inter-relationships with other partner/stakeholder organisations.

Background

Health and Wellbeing Boards are a key component of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Acting as a key forum for leaders in health and social care the Milton Keynes Health and Wellbeing Board has a role to ensure an integrated and co-ordinated approach across NHS, social care and public health services. It has a clear aim to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population and reduce health inequalities.

Milton Keynes Health and Wellbeing Board has been in shadow form since December 2011. It will become a statutory board from 1 April 2013, when it will also become a committee of Milton Keynes Council. But it is essentially a partnership board with a membership of elected councillors alongside non-elected members. The agreed membership is:

- At least six councillors from Milton Keynes Council, (2 from each of the main parties) one of whom is Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing who will be the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing board, and one of whom is Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Life Long Learning

- At least two representatives from Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group, one of whom will be the Vice Chair of the Board
- Statutory Director of Adult Social Services
- Statutory Director of Children's Services
- Director of Public Health
- A local Healthwatch representative
- A Civil Society Organisation representative
- A representative or representatives from the acute foundation trust and/or community health services

The Health and Wellbeing Board is expected to develop more integrated commissioning of services. At the same time it will ensure there is strong democratic legitimacy and involvement in its role. It will also enhance working relationships between health and social care.

The Health and Wellbeing Board has a clear role in bringing together both Milton Keynes Council and Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (due to replace the Primary Care Trust from 1 April 2013). To this end a shared understanding of the health and wellbeing needs of the local population will be developed. The Health and Wellbeing Board will also involve local people, service providers and communities in forming strategic commissioning decisions. It will act as the local driver for commissioning improved health and social care provision.

The Health and Wellbeing board has several key duties:

1. To produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) that assesses the health and wellbeing needs of the local population.
2. Based upon the evidence from the JSNA produce a set of priorities in a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS).

In shadow form the Health and Wellbeing Board recognised the importance of these two key duties. As a result there is a JSNA currently available and the Milton Keynes JHWS was launched in November 2012. The refresh of the JSNA is currently undergoing consultation and it is expected to be ratified by the Health and Wellbeing Board in the spring/summer 2013. An implementation group is now established to develop the work required to achieve the priorities of the JHWS.

The priorities of the JHWS are:

1. Improve wellbeing
2. Reduce early deaths and tackle major diseases
3. Reduce health inequalities

The Health and Wellbeing Board will oversee the implementation of the strategy, linking to other partnerships and organisations to ensure the priorities are met. A series of Partnership Agreements are being developed to aid this process.

Meeting on a quarterly basis there is a clear expectation that working groups will be established to support the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board. It is due to meet for the first time in its statutory form on 25 April 2013.

Attachments:

<http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mkccconsultationdetails/?ConsultationID=243>

[http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-socialcare-articles/documents/Health -
Wellbeing Strategy 2012.pdf](http://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/mk-socialcare-articles/documents/Health-_Wellbeing_Strategy_2012.pdf)

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