

ALIGNMENT OF KEY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

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Purpose of Report:

This report asks the Health and Wellbeing Board to agree the direction of travel towards system wide partnership arrangements, and to note the process for approval of any proposed new partnership arrangements.

1. **Background**

- 1.1 The Milton Keynes health and social care system currently has three statutory partnership boards, The Health and Wellbeing Board, the Milton Keynes Safeguarding Board and the Community Safety Partnership Board (known as Safer MK).
- 1.2 The boards have been successful in achieving their specific objectives over the past two years; however it is possible that more could be done to further reduce overlap, and duplication of effort and resources. Changing local and national context means that it is a pertinent time for a stocktake of our current partnership arrangements.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:
 - (a) agree the direction of travel towards new system wide partnership arrangements; and
 - (b) note the process for the approval of new partnership arrangements.

3. **Key Issues**

- 3.1 Creating a system wide partnership structure should better enable alignment of strategic priorities and oversight across the whole system ultimately improving outcomes for the residents and maximising value for the Milton Keynes pound.
- 3.2 By rationalising key partnership meetings, demand on colleagues who attend multiple meetings across the system could be reduced potentially releasing capacity in the system and making better use of resources.
- 3.3 This new way of working would reflect a national policy direction of travel, for example the new Working Together guidance requires new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements to link to strategic partnerships including the Health and Wellbeing Board and Community Safety Partnerships. It would also build on the progress already made in developing streamlined

partnerships around the safeguarding board and the Health and Wellbeing Board (MK Together).

3.4 One possible system wide model is attached (Appendix 1) and the Health and Wellbeing Board is invited to give feedback.

4. **Additional Information**

4.1 It is proposed that a document setting out proposed partnership arrangements in more detail, including membership, frequency, and roles and responsibilities is prepared in consultation with key stakeholders for approval at the following meetings:

Health and Wellbeing Board	10 April 2019
Safer MK	18 April 2019
Full Council	May 2019

Background Papers: Annex - possible partnership model