

**Agenda Item CX/10/
Devon Health and Wellbeing Board
13th December 2018**

Progress Report: Development of the Devon Health and Wellbeing Board

Recommendation: It is recommended that the board note progress and support ongoing work on the objectives and actions from the task group report on board development.

1. Introduction

1.1 Following the June 2018 Devon Health and Wellbeing Board conference and discussions on the priorities and role of the board, a task group was convened to consider objectives for board development. The task group report, which set six objectives, was approved in September 2018 and this report provides an update on progress over the last three months.

2. Progress on Development of Devon Health and Wellbeing Board

2.1 The work initiated by the task group report on board development has been closely aligned with the work of the Devon Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP). This has included organisational design work, as well as the NHS-England led Aspiring Integrated Care System (ICS) programme, an 11-week programme between September and December 2018 to facilitate system development and support Devon to work towards ICS status.

2.2 A new Devon Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy will be developed and published later in 2019. The strategy will provide a vehicle for addressing these objectives and driving the longer-term development of the board and local health, care and wellbeing system.

2.3 Table 1 provides a more detailed overview of progress on the six objectives.

Table 1, Progress on board development task group objectives, December 2018

Objective	Progress
1. Establishing alignment with other partnerships focused on the wider determinants of health	This objective is focused on driving progress on the wider determinants of health by broadening board membership and developing stronger links with other partnerships. Following approval by the procedures committee, Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue, and South West Ambulance Services Trust have been invited to join the board. Officers from Devon partnership boards have been meeting frequently and are developing a 'working together' protocol. Lead board members have also been assigned for loneliness (David Rogers) and dementia (Dr Paul Johnson). The development of a new Devon Health and Wellbeing Strategy may provide an opportunity to formalise reporting arrangements and priorities across partnerships.
2. Establish a wider Health and Wellbeing Network to support, inform and disseminate the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board	This objective involves setting up a wider network to provide a formalised means for stakeholders to support and inform board work and objectives. Invitations to join the network were sent to stakeholders in November 2018. The network should assist with the development of the new Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
3. Utilise a tiered approach to geography with democratic accountability at all levels and a two-way information flow to inform local priority setting	This objective focuses on how the board supports work and priority setting at different geographic levels within Devon. This has been linked directly to the Devon STP organisation design work to define form and function at system, place and neighbourhood levels across Devon, and the aspiring ICS programme which has been considering how governance and democratic accountability

	operates locally. This work has not yet been completed, but it is anticipated that emerging structures should align with local authority structures. Intelligence resources such as the JSNA will support this.
4. Strengthen and formalise the role of the board in providing assurance that the commissioning plans of local organisations reflect boards priorities	This objective involves more strongly defining the assurance role of the board. This work, which relates to the governance workstream in the aspiring ICS programme, is still in development and will involve creating a schedule for commissioning plans and wider strategies to be considered by the board and developing supporting processes.
5. Establish the board's role in the strategic planning of health, care and wellbeing	These objectives consider the role of the board in the wider system and collaboration with other Devon boards. A meeting between board leaders and STP representatives was held in November 2018. Agreed actions include setting up a formal inter-board meeting, informal meetings, and a workshop with the collaborative board planning board, linked to the aspiring ICS governance work stream.
6. Increase collaboration between Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Health and Wellbeing Boards	

4. Conclusion and Next Steps

4.1 This report summarises progress on task group board development objectives. Progress will be reported to the Devon Health and Wellbeing Board on a regular basis.

5. Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations identified at this stage.

6. Risk Management Considerations

Not applicable.

7. Options/Alternatives

Not applicable.

8. Public Health Impact

The ongoing development of the Health and Wellbeing Board is vital to addressing public health issues in Devon, the wider determinants of health, health inequalities and a focus on prevention

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Background Papers
 Nil