

EVALUATION OF THE EARLY IMPLEMENTER HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – REPORT TO THE CHILDREN'S TRUST AND ADULTS PARTNERSHIP BOARDS FEBRUARY 2012

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Sunderland Early Implementer Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) met for the first time in July 2011 as a new partnership to steer the Health and Wellbeing agenda for the City. As part of being granted Early Implementer status, there is an obligation to review and evaluate the structure, membership and operation of the HWBB.

This paper sets out the proposals for early evaluation and asks for support of the Advisory groups – the Children's Trust and Adults Partnership Board in this process.

2. EVALUATION OF THE EARLY IMPLEMENTER HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

To give an independent view on the membership and structure of the Early Implementer HWBB, Sunderland have been offered support by the NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement to undertake the diagnostic stage of their Health and Social Care System Support (HSCSS) leading to a reflective report and a proposed development programme. This will cover:

- Analysis of system data and documents
- Stratified questioning of organisational staff
- Chief executives listening exercise
- Executive leaders briefing and engagement
- Interviews with execs and managers

The Institute are starting their review in January 2012 and this will satisfy the need for an independent review of membership and relationships with recommendations for Shadow and Full Board status being fed back into the HWBB in March.

At its inaugural meeting in July 2011, the Early Implementer HWBB defined what, for Board members, would constitute success by April 2012, namely:

- To have aligned commissioning intentions from all partner organisations to improve Health and Wellbeing outcomes
- To have an established plan for the engagement of VCS, providers and wider partners

- To have an established plan for the engagement of the broader community and users.
- To have engaged with the GP Commissioning Board and seen progress towards authorisation
- To have a plan for the movement of public health including ring fenced finance implications
- To have a final draft of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy to include outcome measures
- To make progress on greater integrated service provision at a locality level across the City.

The Board will assess success against these criteria, however, as the success of the Early Implementer stage of the HWBB is based not only on the views of the Board, but also of the Health and Wellbeing sector as a whole, it is proposed that a broader evaluation of success is undertaken firstly by establishing a wider set of success criteria and secondly by undertaking a survey of a broad range of parties in scoring the level of success.

In order to provide a joint view on what success will look like, the Advisory Boards are asked to provide their views on broad success factors of the Early Implementer Stage to formulate a composite list which will be approved by the HWBB in February, following which a questionnaire will be published asking for partners to rate their views of the success of the Board.

It is recognised that the Board and advisory group structure will only have been in place for a limited period and as such the learning from the initial evaluation will be limited. It is proposed that the evaluation be completed in March and again in 6 months to accurately measure improvement and distance travelled and to build on the recommendations from the Institute diagnostic which will have been received in March.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

To:

- Note the involvement of the NHS Institute in a diagnostic evaluation of the HWBB partnership and processes
- Agree which factors the Advisory Groups see as vital to the success of the Early Implementer stage of the HWBB
- Agree to complete questionnaires to evaluate the HWBB