

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

13 APRIL 2021

WORK PROGRAMME

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Summary

The report advises the Board of the forward work programme for discussion in the light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. It gives the Board an opportunity to shape and direct the Board's activities.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 places a duty on local authorities to establish a Health and Wellbeing Board for their area.
- 1.2. On 25 April 2013, the Council established the Board for Medway and agreed its terms of reference.

2. Background

- 2.1. The work programme is set out at Appendix 1 to the report. It should be noted that the work programme is likely to be subject to frequent changes and additions throughout the year and is for guidance only.
- 2.2. In line with the pre-agenda meeting held on 16 March 2021, the following amendments to the work programme are proposed:
 - **Defer:**
 - Medway Corporate Parenting Board Annual Report to 2 September 2021 (provisional date). This will enable the report to include data published in June/July. The report will propose that this Annual Report be presented to the Board each September thereafter to align the report cycle with data publication. A proposed change to the protocol between strategic Boards will be made.
 - **Add:**
 - An update on Learning Disability Strategy to 18 November 2021 (provisional date) for the reasons set out in agenda item 6 (Joint Adult Learning Disability Strategy 2019-2024).

- An update on the Better Care Fund (BCF) with a date to be confirmed in line with the report presented to the [Cabinet on 2 March 2021](#) which stated that following receipt of national policy guidance requiring significant revisions to the existing BCF plan, a reporting timetable to return to Cabinet and Health and Wellbeing Board would be established.
 - Ongoing updates on the Local Outbreak Management (formerly 'Control') Plan to keep the Board apprised of current matters.
 - Annual reports required in line with the protocol between strategic Boards and the annual Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Monitoring Report.
- Remove and add:
 - Remove the update on 'Involving Medway' and the update on the work of the Patient Experience and Public and Patient Engagement (PEPPE) group with dates to be confirmed and add a single report on engaging the public in the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and work on 'Involving Medway' to 17 June 2021 (provisional date).
- 2.3. Following the pre-agenda meeting, a request was made to add the Early Help Strategy to Board's agenda for 17 June 2021 (provisional date). This Strategy compliments the Parenting Support Strategy.
- 2.4. The proposed amendments to the work programme are included within Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2.5. At the Board meeting held on 16 February 2021, the Board agreed to receive a briefing note on the White Paper: 'Integration and innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all' ahead of considering a report on the matter on 13 April 2021 (agenda item 8 (NHS White Paper the Future of Health and Care) refers). At the pre-agenda meeting, as the anticipated White Paper on Public Health had not been published it was recommended for the Board to only receive the report at its meeting on 13 April 2021.
- ### 3. The Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board
- 3.1. The last meeting of the Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board was held on 10 March 2021. At this meeting, the Joint Board considered a short progress report on the strategic plan to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on Health Inequalities and agreed to hold a development session in private on 10 June 2021 to be informed about the emerging impact of COVID-19, understand the wider health inequalities found in Kent and Medway and recommend the priority areas for focus.
- 3.2. The Joint Board also considered a briefing on the COVID-19 Local Outbreak Control Plan (LOCP). This report provided an update on steps taken to mitigate rising cases of COVID-19 across both Kent and Medway. It also included a summary of LOCP-related questions received from members of the public and answers provided by Public Health officers in accordance with the agreed engagement strategy.
- 3.3. The [agenda and draft minutes](#) may be viewed online.

- 3.4. Table 1 sets out the future provisional meeting dates for 2021/2022 and associated agenda despatch dates.

Date of Meeting	Agenda Despatch
20 July 2021 at 2pm	12 July 2021
16 September 2021 at 2pm	8 September 2021
7 December 2021 at 2pm	29 November 2021
15 March 2022 at 2pm	7 March 2022

Table 1

- 3.5. Meetings within the 2021/22 municipal year will be held either at Sessions House, Maidstone or as the case may be, virtually, in accordance with any relevant legislation.

4. Risk implications

- 4.1. There are no specific risk implications connected with this report.

5. Financial and legal implications

- 5.1. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.
- 5.2. In the event of there being any recommendations relating to commissioning these will need to be referred to the Council's Cabinet and/or NHS Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to agree the work programme attached at Appendix 1 to the report and consider whether any further changes need to be made.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme

Background papers

None