

15 June 2015		ITEM: 15
Health and Wellbeing Board		
Proposed Amendments to Thurrock's Health and Wellbeing Board Membership		
Wards and communities affected: None	Key Decision: Not applicable	
Report of: Sharon Grimmond, HWBB Business Manager		
Accountable Head of Service: n/a		
Accountable Director: Roger Harris, Director of Adults, Health and Commissioning		
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Executive Summary

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) and Executive Committee took part in a Development Session on 12th January. The session concluded with a number of recommendations and actions which were subsequently presented to the Health and Wellbeing Executive Committee for discussion and agreement. This included a review of current membership and the proposal to invite key NHS Providers to become members of the Board. The Executive endorsed this recommendation and also recommended that the Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) be invited to become a member of the Board.

If agreed by the Board, additional members will include chief officer representation from:

- **North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT)**
- **South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT),**
- **Basildon and Thurrock University Hospitals Foundation Trust (BTUH)**
- **Thurrock Council for Voluntary Services (CVS)**

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 The Board agrees to NHS Providers NELFT, SEPT, and BTUH becoming members of the Health and Wellbeing Board subject to agreement at full Council on 22nd July.**

The Board agrees to Thurrock CVS becoming a member of the Health and Wellbeing Board subject to agreement at full council on 22nd July.

2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 As a committee of the Council, changes made to the Health and Wellbeing Board's membership have to be agreed by Council. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 states that the Board must be consulted about any proposed changes and that elected members must be nominated by the Leader of the Council.
- 2.2 At the Health and Wellbeing Board's away day held in January 2015, there was a recommendation that key NHS providers should become members of the Board. Upon reviewing this recommendation at the Health and Wellbeing Executive Committee, the Committee also recommended that Thurrock CVS be invited to become a member of the Board.
- 2.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board has a responsibility for influencing and setting the agenda across the whole system to improve health and wellbeing and reduce any inequalities in health and wellbeing within the local area. As part of this, Boards have responsibilities for encouraging integrated working and partnership arrangements for health and social care services – such as integrated provision and pooled budgets via the development of Better Care Fund Plans. As the agenda continues to evolve and as Boards continue to develop their system leadership role, it is difficult to see how comprehensive discussions and decisions about the future of the system governing health and wellbeing can take place without all partners – including NHS providers – being included.
- 2.4 A significant number of Boards (estimated one third October 2014 but now likely to be higher as a result of the agreement of Better Care Fund Plans) have already taken the step to include key NHS providers as full members. A recent letter from the current secretary of state (October 2014) for Health urged Boards who did not have providers as members to reconsider this position stating 'that where providers have been included as full members on Boards there have been clear advantages' and going on to say that Boards should 'at least consider current arrangements, and assure themselves that the right structures and relationships are in place'.
- 2.5 Health and Wellbeing Boards will continue to shape the system so that it not only responds effectively when people become ill and/or need a service, but so a greater number of people can be supported within their communities and by their communities – to prevent, reduce, and delay a decline in health and wellbeing or the need for a traditional service response. Due to the growing emphasis on the role communities play as part of the 'system', this paper also recommends that Thurrock CVS are invited to be a member of the Board.
- 2.6 As part of the review of the Board's membership, the Executive Committee also considered a request from the Local Pharmaceutical Committee to have a place on the Board, but recommended that the LPC be invited to attend as and when the agenda contained items appropriate to their input.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 As a result of the rationale set out in paragraphs 2.2 – 2.4, this paper recommends that the Board agree, subject to agreement by full Council, to key NHS providers NELFT, SEPT, and BTUH becoming members.
- 3.2 With reference to paragraph 2.5, this paper also recommends that, subject to agreement by full Council, Thurrock CVS be invited to become a member of the Board.
- 3.3 An alternative option would be to keep the Board's membership as it is currently, but this could potentially undermine the Board's ability to make and influence decisions concerning the whole system and its role as a system leader.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 To ensure that the Board is able to fully embrace its system leadership role and that all key partners are able to play a full and active role in influencing the future shape and direction of that system.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 The recommendations within this report were endorsed by the Health and Wellbeing Executive Committee on the 20th March 2015 and followed discussions and recommendations subsequent to the Health and Wellbeing Board's away day in January 2015.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

- 6.1 The Board has a significant role in contributing to the Community and Corporate priority 'improve health and wellbeing'.

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Mike Jones**
Management Accountant

There are no financial implications.

7.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Dawn Pelle**

Adult Care Lawyer

There are no legal implications.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Rebecca Price**
Community Development Officer

There are no diversity and equality implications.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

None

9. Appendices to the report

- Appendix 1: Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference

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