



# Health and Wellbeing Together

26 April 2023

<b>Report title</b>	Board Governance Review: Updated Terms of Reference	
<b>Cabinet member with lead responsibility</b>	Councillor Jasbir Jaspal Health and Wellbeing	
<b>Wards affected</b>	All wards	
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<b>Report has been considered by</b>	Health and Wellbeing Together Executive	13 March 2023

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## Recommendation for decision:

The Health and Wellbeing Together Board is recommended to:

1. Approve the updated Terms of Reference for the Health and Wellbeing Together Board.

## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Together Board with an updated Terms of Reference for approval following the creation of the Black Country Integrated Care System.

## **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2022 created 42 'Integrated Care Systems' (ICS) formalised as legal entities with statutory powers and responsibilities.
- 2.2 Each ICS has two key components:
- i. Integrated Care Boards (ICBs): statutory bodies responsible for planning and funding most NHS services in the area.
  - ii. Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs): statutory committees bringing together a system partners to develop a health and care strategy for the area.
- 2.3 Working through their ICB and ICP, ICSs have four key aims: improving outcomes in population health and health care; tackling inequalities in outcomes, experience and access; enhancing productivity and value for money and helping the NHS to support broader social and economic development.
- 2.4 Department for Health and Social Care states that in this new landscape, Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) should continue to play an important statutory role in instilling mechanisms for joint working across health and care organisations and setting strategic direction to improve the health and wellbeing of people locally.
- 2.5 Guidance also states that HWBs should review their membership following the establishment of ICBs and ICPs and their associated functions and duties. Any changes should reflect local circumstances and priorities and continue to meet the statutory requirements.

## **3.0 Updated Health and Wellbeing Together Terms of Reference**

- 3.1 An updated terms of reference is attached as an appendix. This includes updates to the sections relating to working principles, responsibilities, governance and reporting relationships, membership and quoracy to reflect changes in practice as a result of the creation of the Black Country Integrated Care System.

## **4.0 Financial implications**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications.  
[JM/04042023/L]

## **5.0 Legal implications**

- 5.1 The relevant legislation is contained in the body of the report.

5.2 The Health and Care Act 2012 mandates a core membership for all Health and Wellbeing Boards that is aligned to specific roles within the health and care system.  
[TC/03042023/A]

## **6.0 Equalities implications**

6.1 The Terms of Reference of the Board is kept under review to ensure all partners have equal opportunity to contribute to meetings and can fully represent the diverse population of the City of Wolverhampton.

## **7.0 Health and Wellbeing**

7.1 Health and Wellbeing Together is the forum where key leaders from the health, care and wider system come together to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community. The Board works towards reducing health inequalities and supports the development of improved and joined up health and social care services. It is the name given to the City of Wolverhampton Health and Wellbeing Board, a statutory board established under the Health & Social Care Act 2012.

## **8.0 Appendices**

8.1 Appendix 1: Health and Wellbeing Together Board Terms of Reference 2023