

Recommendations

1. That the Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board (AHWB) approve the closing down of the Board.
2. That the AHWB approve the creation of the Ashford Health and Wellbeing Partnership (AHWP) and the East Kent Health and Wellbeing Board (EKHWB), after discussion based on the draft terms of references attached in Appendices 1 and 2.
3. That the AHWB note the draft delivery action plans developed to drive the work of the AHWP, attached in Appendix 3.
4. That the AHWB note that the EKHWB terms of reference are being reviewed by other East Kent district Health and Wellbeing Boards for their input prior to final adoption, so may be subject to change.

Background Information

5. At the last meeting of the AHWB on 18 July 2018, a paper was discussed based on partners' responses to a consultation on the future of the Board.
6. It was very clear that partners believed there was a need to review the focus of the Board.
7. The key principles for the future of the board were agreed as:
 - That the delivery of certain strategic priorities would be better served by working at a sub-regional level
 - That a local group was required to ensure the delivery of the bespoke Ashford approach to health and wellbeing
8. Officers were tasked to develop these principles into proposals for future ways of working.

Key Issues

East Kent Health and Wellbeing Board (EKHWB)

9. Following on from discussions with colleagues across Health and Wellbeing Boards in the East Kent area, it is clear that views expressed by the Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board are shared.
10. Ashford officers developed a draft terms of reference for the proposed EKHWB. These terms of reference have been reviewed at the Public Health leads meeting on 7 September and broadly agreed for further discussion at individual Health and Wellbeing Boards.
11. The proposed composition of the EKHWB recognises the need for and the value of a coordinated, partnership approach to addressing shared health and wellbeing needs and related problems across the East Kent sub region. It also recognises the value of working sub regionally to reflect structural arrangements of key partners, as well as the value of a single voice at a regional level. The EKHWB aims to:

- Take advantage of the synergies of working on a sub-regional basis to deliver agreed priority outcomes
 - Deliver better coordinated quality care targeted to the greatest need – in particular to deliver cross borough activity to target an agreed priority area e.g. smoking cessation, substance misuse
 - Improve the public's experience of health and wellbeing services
12. The EKHWB will take on the responsibility of representation at the Kent and Medway Joint Health and Wellbeing Board (KMJHWB) on a rotational basis.
13. The location of the EKHWB will rotate across each of the local authority areas in turn. The Chair of the meeting will be the Lead Member for the local authority area the meeting is being held in.
14. The EKHWB will:
- Ensure that the duties of the KMJHWB are completed and that the needs of East Kent are adequately reflected within them
 - Escalate issues to the KMJHWB as required
 - Agree an annual sub-regional priority through a partnership framework process in order to maximise resources and synergies
 - Address health and wellbeing issues that are difficult to address at a local borough level
15. For full details of the proposal, a draft terms of reference for the EKHWB can be found at Appendix 1.

Ashford Health and Wellbeing Partnership (AHWP)

16. The AHWP aims to:
- Improve health and wellbeing outcomes in Ashford, ensuring bespoke delivery tailored to our needs and our communities
 - Ensure all partners are contributing to the agreed health and wellbeing outcomes
17. The AHWP has the following outcome objectives, which link directly to the Kent Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy to ensure we play our part in the delivery of county aims:
- Giving every child the best start in life
 - Effective prevention of ill health by people taking greater responsibility for their own health and wellbeing
 - Quality of life for people with long term conditions is enhanced with good access to good quality care and support
 - People with mental health issues are supported to live well
 - People with dementia are assessed and treated earlier and supported to live well
- We also have local outcome objectives as follows:
- Ensuring homes in Ashford support the health and wellbeing of our communities
 - Improving our air quality and reduce deaths where Public Health England estimate that particulate air pollution is a contributory factor
 - Driving behaviour change in our communities to deliver long lasting and sustainable outcomes
18. Proposed membership of the AHWP includes Ashford Borough Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Kent Community Health Foundation Trust and the William Harvey Hospital.
19. For full details of the proposed terms of reference for the AHWP can be found at Appendix 2.

20. An action plan has been developed to pull together all priorities for the AHWP and programmed activity related to them (please see Appendix 3). It will be the role of the AHWP to drive delivery of the action plans.

Next steps

21. Based on the approval of the Ashford Health and Wellbeing Board, officers will take steps to close the AHWB and create the AHWP, with an inaugural meeting in quarter 4 2018/19.
22. Officers will also continue to work with colleagues across the East Kent districts and will provide a further update on the proposed EKHWB.

AUDIT TRAIL	
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