

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Report Title: Review of Health & Wellbeing Board Meetings & Development Sessions Schedule 2018

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1. Purpose of Report

A number of discussions have been held to review the functioning of the Health & Wellbeing Board (HWB) to date, and to propose possible alternatives to ensure maximum opportunity for the HWB to provide local system-wide leadership in promoting and driving a reduction in health inequalities, improvements in healthy life expectancy and an increased focus on the integration of health and care as articulated through the Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy and Barnsley Plan. In order to ensure that HWB members are fully supported to drive the ambitions of the strategy, it is important that wherever possible we plan for the 'right discussion at the right time' through SSDG and the HWB.

To this end, a decision was taken at the last SSDG to review the use of planned meetings for the Health & Wellbeing Board for 2018/19. A small task and finish group consisting of Ian Turner & Richard Lynch (BMBC) and Joe Minton (CCG) looked at the background to the current arrangements and have proposed some initial changes to ensure HWB discussions remain focussed as above.

Currently, the HWB meets bi-monthly with SSDG coming together each month. There is now an established regime of bi-annual performance reporting supported by an action plan (drawn from the strategy and Barnsley Plan) which is updated quarterly.

The proposal is to reduce the number of public meetings of the HWB to quarterly (4 per year) which can be better aligned to performance reporting and action plan updates and to use the two remaining sessions already planned as developmental time; allowing for HWB and wider SSDG membership to hold sessions in private that would allow for deeper consideration of specific issues such as those drawn from analysis of performance and how we develop the interface between the HWB and Health and Care Together.

The current schedule of HWB meetings for 2018/19 is 5th June, 7th August, 2nd October, 4th December, 5th February, 9th April. Quarterly meetings would therefore suggest a revised schedule of public meetings in June, October, December (2018) and April 2019.

This would free up time already planned on 7th August and 5th February as potentially available for private, development sessions with HWB and SSDG members.

2. Recommendations

2.1. Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to:-

- Endorse the approach suggested, or propose an alternative use of planned time for 2018/19

3. Financial Implications

3.1 None identified at this stage.

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