

Report to Health & Wellbeing Board Report of Dave Hill, Executive Director for People (Children and Adults), Essex County Council	Item: 6 Reference number HWB/013/13
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Title of report HWB Response to the “Who Will Care?” Commission Report	
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1. Purpose of report

The “Who Will Care?” Commission has published its final report today (12 September 2013) which is attached as Appendix A. The purpose of this HWB cover report is to propose and agree a process for members to enable them to undertake a review and to prepare a formal and collective response to the recommendations that the Commission is making.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Board acknowledges receipt of the “Who Will Care?” Commission’s final report. It thanks Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallett (Chairman) and all members of the Commission for the time and effort that they have put into their role.
- 2.2. The Board requests that all members should share the Commission’s Report with their own organisations in order to determine what actions partner organisations will be taking in response to the Commission’s recommendations.

- 2.3. The Board provides guidance for member organisations regarding their initial assessment of the recommendations.
- 2.4. The Board agrees to consider the accumulated responses from all partner organisations at the next meeting on 20 November 2013 and to agree a consolidated response and action plan, prepared by the Business Management Group, that represents the formal response from the Health and Wellbeing Board to the “Who Will Care?” Commission.

3. Background and proposal

- 3.1. The “Who Will Care?” Commission was set up in January 2013 and was tasked with the challenge of seeking some practical solutions to the challenges presented by the county’s growing ageing population and the complex care needs of these residents in the future.
- 3.2. Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallett, the Chairman of the Commission, has met with the Health and Wellbeing Board twice:

27 March 2013: The terms of reference and consultation plans were discussed.

16 July 2013: The emerging findings were shared and members gave their initial thoughts.

- 3.3. The final report is published on 12 September 2013 and a copy is attached with this report at Appendix A. The Commission is seeking a formal response to the Report from the Health and Wellbeing Board. A presentation will be made at the Board meeting that will give an initial analysis of the recommendations.
- 3.4. If the Board makes its formal response on 18 September, members will have had a very limited time to read and consider the Report’s recommendations. Such a response will not have the full support of the Essex organisations represented at the Board, since members’ respective Boards/governing groups will not have had time to agree their own reaction to it.
- 3.5. Consequently the following process is suggested:

18 September: HWB Meeting

Members share their initial responses to the report and provide guidance for member organisations concerning:

- which recommendations are the most important;
- how the recommendations are aligned with the current activity that is taking place around health and social care integrated commissioning;
- which recommendations they consider may present the greatest difficulties for their own organisations to agree with;
- which organisations are best positioned to lead on any of the recommendations;
- any other matters that members consider to be relevant.

By 30 October:

Member organisations consider the Report at their own Board/Cabinet/Executive meetings and agree their response including:

- the actions they intend to take;
- which actions they are prepared to act as a lead organisation for and to coordinate its implementation.

6 November: BMG fortnightly Integration catch up

Members of the HWB BMG to review the responses from member organisations and agree the basis of the consolidated response that will be submitted to the November HWB meeting.

20 November: HWB Meeting

The HWB considers and agrees a formal response and action plan that has been drawn together by collating the responses of each member organisation.

This action plan is then incorporated into on-going HWB activity including:

- The Board's whole system approach to integrating health and social care;
- The annual refresh of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- Integrated commissioning plans for 2014/15.

- 3.6 The advantage of this approach is that member organisations are able to feed in a response that has already been through their own governance processes and comes to the HWB with approved resource commitments. The HWB response to the Commission is more than a principled response: it contains an action plan that has full commitment and the necessary resources from partners, to carry out the recommendations that the Board is collectively in agreement with.

4. Policy context

- 4.1. The "Who Will Care?" Commission Report is very relevant to the Health and Wellbeing Board. It addresses the following priorities and cross cutting themes in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

Priorities:

Living and working well: residents make better lifestyle choices and have better opportunities needed to enjoy a healthy life;

Ageing well: older people remain as independent for as long as possible;

Cross Cutting Themes:

Tackling inequalities and the wider determinants of health and wellbeing;

Transforming services: developing the health and social care system;

Empowering local communities and community assets;

Prevention and effective intervention.

- 4.2. The recommendations from the Commission also have direct relevance to the whole system leadership role of the Board and the challenge of integrating health and social care commissioning.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. There are no immediate financial implications associated with this report. The financial implications will be considered by member organisations. The report and Action Plan that will be presented at the next meeting of the HWB in November 2013 will include resourcing commitments from member organisations.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1. There are no immediate legal implications associated with this report. The legal implications will be considered by member organisations. The report and Action Plan that will be presented at the next meeting of the HWB in November 2013 will include a full account of any legal implications for the Board.

7. Staffing and other resource implications

- 7.1. There are no immediate staffing/resourcing implications additional to the running of the HWB that will be required in the formulation of the Board's response to the Commission report.
- 7.2. Any resourcing and staffing capacity that is required to deliver an action plan on behalf of the HWB would have to be met by the HWB member organisations and this should be considered by member organisations as they agree their own organisation's input to the HWB collective response.

8. Equality and Diversity implications

- 8.1. It is not appropriate to carry out an EIA for this stage of this topic. An EIA considering the HWB Response and Action Plan will be submitted with the Report that is taken to the November meeting of the Board

9. Background papers

- 9.1. More information including the final report from the "Who Will Care?" Commission can be downloaded from their [website](#)