

Council Issues

Amendments to the Constitution

1 Membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is a committee of the council established in accordance with Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. In this way, the Act makes some statutory requirements about membership and the council can add to that statutory membership in order to meet local needs.
- 1.2 The principal strategic bodies in the NHS that cover the Essex area are the Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STPs). Essex is unique in having three STPs covering the county area: Hertfordshire and West Essex STP, Suffolk and North-East Essex STP, and Mid and South Essex STP. In all three cases Essex County Council is not the only local government partner.
- 1.3 Having the Independent Chairs of the three STPs sitting round the table will help secure NHS buy-in to the needs and ambitions of the people of Essex.
- 1.4 Council is asked to agree that the Board's composition be amended to include, as full voting members of the Essex Health and Wellbeing Board the Independent Chairs of:
 - Suffolk and North-East Essex STP
 - Hertfordshire and West Essex STP
 - Mid and South Essex STP.
- 1.5 It is expected that STPs will transition into Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) and the proposed changes to the constitution will enable this to happen without further changes to the constitution being required.
- 1.6 Additionally, the constitution currently allocates a place to the 'NHS Commissioning Board Essex LAT Director', a position and job title that no longer exists and requires replacing with 'Representative of NHS England', a change that will permit the current appointee to continue.
- 1.7 While these recommendations would increase the size of the Board from 30 to 33, the on-going changes to the structure of the NHS in the Essex area mean there will be an opportunity to bring the number of HWB members down again. It is understood that the NHS intends that all Clinical Commissioning Groups within each of the STP areas will be merging. This means the number of CCGs will reduce from seven to three by April 2021. This in turn will allow the membership of the HWB to be rationalised accordingly once those changes are in place

Recommendation:

- 1.8 That the constitution of the Board as shown in paragraph 8.1.8 of the Constitution be amended to read:

Quorum

The quorum for the Health and Wellbeing Board will be one quarter of the voting membership and will include:

- at least one Essex County Council Elected Member
- at least one Clinical Commissioning Group Representative
- Essex County Council *either* Director of Adult Social Care, Director of Children's Services or Director for Public Health.

Membership

Voting Members	
Statutory Members	How Nominated or Appointed
3 County Councillors*	As nominated by the Leader of the County Council
Essex County Council Director of Adult Social Care (DASS)	By appointment to post
Essex County Council Director of Children's Services (DCS)	By appointment to post
Essex County Council Director of Public Health (DPH)	By appointment to post
Representative of Health Watch Essex	Appointed by Health Watch Essex
Representative of North East Essex CCG	Appointed by North East Essex CCG
Representative of Mid Essex CCG	Appointed by Mid Essex CCG
Representative of West Essex CCG	Appointed by West Essex CCG
Representative of Basildon & Brentwood CCG	Appointed by Basildon & Brentwood CCG
Representative of Castle Point and Rochford CCG	Appointed by Castle Point and Rochford CCG
Other Members	How Nominated or Appointed
Chief Executive of Essex County Council	By appointment to post
Independent Chair, Suffolk and North-East Essex STP/ICS	Appointed by the Board on the nomination of the STP/ICS
Independent Chair, Hertfordshire and West Essex STP/ICS	Appointed by the Board on the nomination of the STP/ICS
Independent Chair, Mid and South Essex STP/ICS	Appointed by the Board on the nomination of the STP/ICS
4 Borough/City/District Council Representatives	Appointed by the Board on the nomination of the Borough/City/District Council Leaders and Chief Executives Group
3 Voluntary Sector representatives	Appointed by the Board on the nomination of Borough/City/District

	Council Leaders and Chief Executives Group
Representative of NHS Commissioning Board (NHS England)	Nominated by Regional Director, NHS England
3 Representatives of Essex Acute Hospital Trusts	Appointed by the Board on the nomination of the Trusts
2 Representatives from Essex mental health and non-acute providers	Appointed by the Board on the nomination of the Trusts
1 Representative from Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Groups in common	Appointed by the Board on the nomination of Mid and South Essex Clinical Commissioning Groups Joint Committee in Common
Non-Voting Members	
Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner	By election to post
Independent Chair of the Essex Safeguarding Children's and Adults Boards	By appointment to posts