

The role of Health and Wellbeing Boards

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- To oversee the production of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment
- To develop a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- To develop joint commissioning intentions and ensure all commissioning intentions meet the needs identified by the JSNA and are in line with the JHWS

Core members

- one local elected member of the Council
- a representative of the local Healthwatch organisation
- a representative of each local clinical commissioning group
- the director of public health
- the local authority director for adult social services
- the local authority director for children's services
- A representative of the NHS Commissioning Board

Engagement with others

- Providers, other statutory organisations including District Councils, community and voluntary sector, patients organisations
- Additional members v. effective size

Methods of engagement

- Informal Board meetings or events
- Specific forums eg with community and voluntary sector or NHS providers
- Engagement and consultation on JSNA, JHWS, other strategies etc
- Health and Wellbeing Board members acting as champions for other groups

What does engagement with the Community and Voluntary Sector add?

- Wider perspective
- Closeness to the community
- Enthusiasm
- Potential or actual providers
- Able to access funding