

PUBLIC HEALTH & WELLBEING COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To assure Fife NHS Board that NHS Fife is fully engaged in supporting wider population health and wellbeing for the local population, including overseeing the implementation of the population health and wellbeing actions defined in the Board's strategic plans and ensuring effective contribution to population health and wellbeing related activities.
- 1.2 To exercise scrutiny and challenge over the delivery performance of a range of services, including those delegated by the Board to the Integration Joint Board, for which NHS Fife is accountable to Scottish Ministers.
- 1.3 To strengthen collaboration, build momentum, enable ownership and demonstrate leadership across all current partnerships and networks in Fife (particularly Fife Partnership Board), to address health inequalities and improve the wider determinants of health for our population.
- 1.4 To assure the Board that appropriate mechanisms and structures are in place for public health and wellbeing activities to be supported effectively throughout the whole of Fife NHS Board's responsibilities, including services delivered by partners, to reflect NHS Fife's ambition to be an anchor institution within its population area.

2. COMPOSITION

- 2.1 The membership of the Public Health & Wellbeing Committee will be:
 - Four Non-Executive or Stakeholder members of the Board (one of whom will be the Committee Chair). (A Stakeholder member is appointed to the Board from Fife Council or by virtue of holding the Chair of the Area Partnership Forum or Area Clinical Forum)
 - Employee Director
 - Chief Executive
 - Director of Nursing
 - Director of Public Health
 - Medical Director
- 2.2 Officers of the Board will be expected to attend meetings of the Committee when issues within their responsibility are being considered by the Committee. In addition, the Committee Chair will agree with the lead Executive officer to the Committee which other Senior Staff should attend meetings, routinely or otherwise. The following will normally be routinely invited to attend Committee meetings:

- Director of Health & Social Care
- Director of Pharmacy & Medicines
- Director of Planning & Transformation
- Director of Property & Asset Management
- Associate Director, Planning & Performance
- Board Secretary

2.3 The Director of Public Health shall serve as the lead Executive officer to the Committee.

3. QUORUM

3.1 No business shall be transacted at a meeting of the Committee unless at least three members are present, two of whom should be Non-Executive members of the Board. There may be occasions when due to the unavailability of the above Non-Executive members, the Chair will ask other Non-Executive members to act as members of the Committee so that quorum is achieved. This will be drawn to the attention of the Board.

4. MEETINGS

4.1 The Committee shall meet as necessary to fulfil its remit but not less than six times per year.

4.2 The Chair of Fife NHS Board shall appoint a Chair who shall preside at meetings of the Committee. If the Chair is absent from any meeting of the Committee, members shall elect from amongst themselves one of the other Non-Executive Committee members to chair the meeting.

4.3 The agenda and supporting papers will be sent out at least five clear days before the meeting.

5. REMIT

5.1 The remit of the Public Health & Wellbeing Committee is:

- To agree key areas of focus within the public health priorities that will be taken forward each year, oversee the agreed population health activities, ensure equity in provision and access to services, and provide assurance thereon to Fife NHS Board.
- To ensure that strategic and delivery plans are formulated that reflect public health and wellbeing needs and priorities for the population serviced by NHS Fife in line with the priorities of the national care and wellbeing programmes.
- To monitor strategy implementation through regular progress reports and review of intermediate measures and long-term outcomes.
- To receive assurance that the performance and risks relating to primary care and community services are addressed in line with the directions set by the Integration Joint Board and that robust mitigating actions are in place to address any areas of concern or where performance is not in line with national or local standards or targets.

- To receive assurance that the performance and risks relating to mental health provision are addressed in line with the directions set by the Integration Joint Board and that robust mitigating actions are in place to address any areas of concern or where performance is not in line with national or local standards or targets.
- To support the work of the Anchor Institute Programme Board and receive updates on progress and outcomes.
- To support the work of the Primary Care Governance & Oversight Group, in its development of the Primary Care Strategy.
- To support the ambitions set out in the Plan for Fife (Community Planning Partnership) through collaboration on agreed areas of influence.
- To undertake scrutiny of individual topics / projects / work-streams to promote the health of the population in Fife, including NHS Fife staff, with particular emphasis on prevention and addressing health inequalities.
- To ensure appropriate linkages to other key work of the Board, such as the development of new services, workstreams and delivery plans.
- To undertake an annual self-assessment of the Committee's work and effectiveness.

5.2 The Committee shall review regularly the sections of the NHS Fife Integrated Performance & Quality Report relevant to the Committee's areas of responsibility.

5.3 The Committee will produce an Annual Report incorporating a Statement of Assurance for submission to the Board. The proposed Annual Report will be presented to the first Committee meeting in the new financial year or agreed with the Chairperson of the respective Committee by the end of May each year for presentation to the Audit and Risk Committee in June and thereafter to the Board.

5.4 The Committee shall provide assurance to the Board on achievement and maintenance of Best Value standards, relevant to the Committee's area of governance as set out in Audit Scotland's baseline report "Developing Best Value Arrangements" and the Scottish Public Finance Manual.

5.5 The Committee shall draw up and approve, before the start of each financial year, an Annual Workplan for the Committee's planned work during the forthcoming year.

6. AUTHORITY

6.1 The Committee is authorised by the Board to investigate any activity within its Terms of Reference, and in so doing, is authorised to seek any information it requires from any employee.

6.2 In order to fulfil its remit, the Public Health & Wellbeing Committee may obtain whatever professional advice it requires, and require Directors or other officers of the Board to attend meetings.

7. REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS

- 7.1 The Public Health & Wellbeing Committee reports directly to Fife NHS Board. Minutes of the Committee are presented to the Board by the Committee Chair, who also provides an assurance report on the matters considered at the Committee and highlights any particular issues which the Committee wishes to draw to the Board's attention.
- 7.2 Each Committee of the Board will scrutinise the Corporate Risks aligned to that Committee on a bi-monthly basis.