

## **Herefordshire CCG/Public Health**

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

#### **Introduction**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (HCCG) and Herefordshire Public Health (Public Health) outlines the working relationship, local core offer, relationships and responsibilities for each organisation to develop and maintain a collaborative and supportive relationship between the CCG and Public Health.

#### **Memorandum of Understanding**

Both organisations agree to:

1. Maintaining a strong level of strategic senior leadership engagement through monthly meetings between the Director of Public Health (DPH) and Chief Operating Officer (COO).
2. Collaborative working to progress the sustainability of the local health economy, maximise effectiveness and efficiency, champion the prevention agenda and offer support during serious untoward incidents.
3. Collaborative commissioning between public health and the CCG.
4. Joint responsibility for progressing education and training opportunities for staff, members and wider where appropriate.
5. Collaborative working to ensure population health campaigns and education are relevant and timely
6. Improving outcomes for patients and residents within HCCG boundaries
7. Contributing to building a strong, strategic and proactive Health and Wellbeing Board that acts on behalf of the best interests of the population
8. Implementing and strengthening strategies that reduce inequalities, addressing variation in care provision across the local health economy

9. Remaining inclusive and supportive of all agencies both voluntary and public sector within the local health economy and strengthening their impact and role in improving health and wellbeing locally.

**Specifically HCCG agrees to:**

1. Prioritising and championing the work of and its role within the Health and Wellbeing Board and as part of its vision maintain prevention as a core value and link with public health to achieve this.
2. Linking closely with Public Health through designation of a clinical board member to the portfolio area of public health and prevention.
3. Jointly assuring the implementation of the prevention agenda within Primary Care and its commissioning intentions
4. Supporting Public Health in achieving its target outcomes related to services such as childhood immunisation, sexual health services, health checks and smoking cessation.
5. Ensuring Public Health is adequately represented within the CCG through formal board membership of the DPH on the CCG governing body board and attendance and membership of a public health representative at other relevant panels and committees.
6. Work collaboratively with Public Health staff on developing the JSNA, ensuring commissioning plans have clear links to it
7. Ensuring access to data and information under the CCG's information governance policy so that public health advice can be given and health needs and health equity audits can be undertaken.

**Specifically Public Health agrees to:**

1. Ensure that the JSNA reflects the needs of the whole population and support the CCG to demonstrate clear links to commissioning plans
2. Support the development of commissioning strategies that meet the needs of vulnerable people and the reduction of health inequalities and variations in care provision
3. Support the development of evidence-based care pathways and service specifications, and offer advice on effective/cost-effective services.
4. Provide advice on evidence-based prioritisation policies and processes, including governance and best practice.
5. Produce as necessary health needs assessments and health equity audits, and other data analysis and health intelligence as appropriate, and effectively

utilise the advice and support from Public Health England to support the clinical commissioning agenda.

6. Prioritise key CCG committees, sub committees and other groups where public health expertise is essential.
7. Provide public health advice and direction to the CCG for which they will have due regard as outlined in legislation. Provide advice and support to the CCG in relation to health protection plans and arrangements, including immunisation and screening.

## **Summary**

The CCG and the Public Health Department are committed to improving the health and well being of the population of Herefordshire through the development of an innovative and dynamic partnership.

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