

Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Wards: All

Subject: Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge

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Forward Plan reference number:

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Recommendations:

- A. That members of the Health and Wellbeing Board note the plans for the Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge in September.
 - B. That members agree to provide information and participate in the HWB Peer Challenge.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To inform HWB members that a Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge is planned to take place in LB Merton in September of this year. A team will be on site at the Civic Centre in September and will attend the meeting of the HWB on 24 September.

2. BACKGROUND

The Local Government Association is developing a 'health and well-being system improvement programme', of which a peer challenge is a part. The principles of the programme are that it uses tested improvement tools and brings together the themes of public health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Healthwatch.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 The purpose of the health peer challenge is to support Councils in implementing their new statutory responsibilities in health from 1 April 2013, through a systematic challenge by sector peers in order to improve local practice.

The health and wellbeing peer challenge will focus in on three elements in particular:

- The establishment of effective health and wellbeing boards
- The operation of the public health function
- The establishment of a local healthwatch

Headline questions for the peer challenge

- 3.2 The peer challenge will focus on a set of headline questions, which will frame the review of materials, the interviews, and the workshops that make up a peer challenge.
- i. How well are the health and well-being challenges understood and how are they reflected in the Joint Health and Well-being Strategy and in commissioning?
 - ii. How strong are governance, leadership, partnerships, voices, and relationships?
 - iii. How well are statutory and discretionary functions delivered?
 - iv. How well are the strengths of the DPH and team being used?
- 3.3 These headline questions will be refined in discussion with LB Merton and will consider more specific issues including:
- How do the arrangements in Merton compare with those elsewhere and what can we learn from other places.
 - With a view to mainstreaming health across all areas, to assess the 'passion for public health' in LB Merton
 - The extent to which the focus of the HWB as well as LB Merton is on health and well-being, and not just health and social care.
 - The opportunities for joint commissioning between the CCG and the Council since the establishment of a single CCG for the area of LB Merton.
- 3.4 It is planned that the peer challenge team will be on site from Monday 23 to Thursday 26 September and will attend the meeting of the HWB on Tuesday, 24 September
- The peer challenge team will be based in the Civic Centre with a team comprising of
- A serving/recent Chief Executive or Strategic Director leading the peer team.
 - An elected member peer
 - A serving DPH
 - A representative from a CCG
 - A voluntary and community sector peer
 - An LGA review manager.
- 3.5 Prior to the site visit the team will require information from all members of the HWB to complete their work.
- 3.6 It should be stressed that a peer challenge is a voluntary and flexible process commissioned by the Council to support improvement and learning. Peers are working as 'critical friends and advisors' not professional consultants or experts. Peer challenge is not inspection - the process is based on a view that organisations learn better from peers and are open to challenge.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

If we do not proceed with the HWB Peer Challenge we will miss the opportunity to benefit from the experience of others.

5. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

None for the purpose of this report.

6. TIMETABLE

The HWB Peer Challenge visit is planned for the week commencing 23 September 2013.

7. FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

None – the costs of the HWB Peer Challenge visit will be met by the LGA.

8. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

None

9. HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

None

10. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

None

11. RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

None

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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