

An overview of the NHS Mandate

1. Summary

A representative from the NHS Commissioning Board will lead a discussion about the report '**A mandate from the Government to the NHS Commissioning Board: April 2013 to March 2015**' which sets out the objectives of the new NHS Commissioning Board. This report is attached as **Annex A**.

Also attached is the Response to Consultation on the draft NHS Mandate held earlier in the year, see **Annex B**. City of York Council's comments are included in this response. The council commented on the importance that the objectives of the NHS Commissioning Board should be overarching so that they could be considered in a local context and be informed by local priorities. The Council stated that:

"It is essential the voice of the public is heard at a local level in order that the NHS can be shaped 'bottom up' as well as being moulded 'top down'".

2. Council Plan

The proposals in this paper have particular relevance to the 'Building Strong Communities' and 'Protecting Vulnerable People' strands of the council plan.

3. Implications

• Financial

The health and wellbeing strategy will impact on service planning and commissioning decisions. The health and wellbeing board will not take specific decisions on services or commissioning, however they will set the strategic direction for health and wellbeing services over the next three years.

- **Human Resources (HR)**

No HR implications

- **Equalities**

The health and wellbeing strategy may well affect access to service provision. Decisions about accessing specific services will not be taken by the board. Addressing health inequality and targeting more resource towards the greatest need should positively impact on equalities. A community impact assessment (CIA) has been carried out on the strategy's priorities before it is signed off in April 2013.

- **Legal**

No legal implications

- **Crime and Disorder**

No crime and disorder implications

- **Information Technology (IT)**

No IT implications

- **Property**

No Property implications

- **Other**

4. Risk Management

There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this paper.

5. Recommendations

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Note the objectives of the NHS Commissioning Board set out in the mandate, their impact on the Health and Wellbeing Board and organisations represented on it.

Reason: to share information about the NHS Commissioning Board, their objectives and understand how it relates to the work of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board.

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7. Wards Affected:

All

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8. Attachments

**Annex A – A mandate from the Government to the NHS
Commissioning Board: April 2013 to March 2015**

**Annex B – The Government's response to the consultation on the
draft mandate to the NHS Commissioning Board**