Purpose

The Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board is the principal structure in Oxfordshire with responsibility for promoting the health and wellbeing of the people of the county.

The Health Improvement Partnership Board exists to support the Health and Wellbeing Board in this purpose by delivering service change and improved outcomes through partnership working.

Responsibilities

To achieve its purpose, the Health Improvement Partnership Board has the following responsibilities:

- To demonstrate effective partnership working across Oxfordshire to meet peoples’ health and social care needs and to achieve effective use of resources.
- To drive the development and delivery of services across Oxfordshire that meet agreed priorities and objectives, as determined from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).
- In particular to:
  - Bring a coordinated and coherent approach to influencing a broad range of determinants of health to bring about health improvement,
  - Work together to recommend priority areas to improve health in order to make a real and measurable difference to outcomes,
  - Recommend actions and responsibilities to make that improvement a reality,
  - Hold each other to account for making the agreed change and for reporting progress.
- To meet the performance measures agreed by the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board.

Membership

The core membership of the Health Improvement Partnership Board is:

- Five district/city councillors – one of whom will be Chairman and another Vice-Chairman
- County Council Cabinet Member for Public Health
- Two Clinical Commissioning Group representatives (one clinical representative and one commissioner representative)
- Director of Public Health for Oxfordshire
- Public Health Specialist
- District Council officer representative
- Healthwatch Ambassador

In attendance
- District Councils’ officer for Partnership Development

Representatives from Thames Valley Policy and Oxfordshire County Council Children’s Services will also be invited to relevant Board meetings to participate in discussions around Domestic Abuse.

It is proposed that a wide range of stakeholders can be invited to Board meetings at the discretion of the Chairman. They may attend as expert witnesses and to report on implementation of plans.

**Governance**

The meetings of the Health Improvement Partnership Board and its decision-making will be subject to the provisions of the County Council’s Constitution including the Council Procedure Rules and the Access to Information Procedure Rules, insofar as these are applicable to the Partnership Board.

The Health Improvement Partnership Board will also be subject to existing scrutiny arrangements with the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee providing the lead role.

Members of the Board will be subject to the Code of Conduct applicable to the body which they represent.

The Partnership Board will meet at least once a year in public. Dates, times and places of meeting will be determined by the Chairman of the Partnership Board.

Officers from the County Council will service meetings of the Partnership Board including the preparation and circulation of agendas and minutes.

The Health and Wellbeing Board will agree terms of reference and membership for the Partnership Board. It will also agree its priorities, proposed outcomes and performance measures. The Partnership Board will review the terms of reference on an annual basis.

These terms of reference were accepted by the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board at their meeting in March 2018