

# North Tyneside Health & Wellbeing Board Report Date: 8 July 2021

Title: Appointment of  
Member to the Board

**Report from :** Law & Governance, North Tyneside Council

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## 1. Purpose:

This report invites the Board to consider the appointment of an additional member to the Board.

## 2. Recommendation(s):

The Board is recommended to appoint a representative of Northumbria Police to the Board.

## 3. Policy Framework

This item relates to the operation of the Board and so there are no direct links with delivery of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-23.

## 4. Information:

4.1 In accordance with the Health and Social Care Act the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board must comprise of:-

- a) the Elected Mayor and/or at least one councillor as nominated by the Elected Mayor;
- b) the Director of Adult Social Services;
- c) the Director of Children's Services;
- d) the Director of Public Health;
- e) a representative of the North Tyneside NHS Clinical Commissioning Group;
- f) a representative of Healthwatch North Tyneside;
- g) for the purpose of participating in the preparation of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy, a representative of NHS England; and
- h) such additional persons as the Board or the Council think appropriate.

4.2 Since its establishment the Board, using the power to appoint additional persons, has agreed to appoint representatives from the following organisations:-

- a) Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- b) Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
- c) Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust
- d) Community and Voluntary Sector Chief Officer Group

- e) Age UK North Tyneside
- f) YMCA North Tyneside
- g) North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board
- h) North of Tyne Pharmaceutical Committee
- i) TyneHealth
- j) North East Ambulance Service
- k) Tyne & Wear Fire and Rescue Service

- 4.3 When the Board was established in June 2013 Northumbria Police declined an invitation to be represented on the Board commenting that the Board would routinely discuss issues not relevant to the operational priorities of the Police and therefore any attendance by them would add little or no value to discussions. Where specific issues did have relevance to the Police indicated that they would be happy to attend meetings.
- 4.4 The Director of Children's and Adult Services has recently been approached by Claire Wheatley who is the new Chief Inspector Harm Reduction & Intel Northern. She is keen to join the board and the Director of Children's and Adults' Services and Chair of the Board agree that she will offer a useful perspective to meetings of the Board.
- 4.5 The appointment will increase the membership of the Board from 22 to 23 members.

## **5. Decision options:**

The Board may decide to either:-

- a) not to appoint any further additional persons to the Board; or
- b) appoint Chief Inspector Claire Wheatly to the Board as a representative of Northumbria Police.

## **6. Reasons for recommended option:**

The Board is recommended to agree option b) to secure appropriate representation on the Board.

## **7. Appendices:**

None.

## **8. Contact officers:**

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## **9. Background information:**

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) Health and Social Care Act 2012
- (2) The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013
- (3) Report to the Board June 2013 and associated minute.

## COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

### 9 Finance and other resources

The costs associated with the operation of the Board will be contained within existing budgets.

### 10 Legal

Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 states that a local authority must appoint specified persons to a Health and Wellbeing Board and that the Board may appoint such other persons as it thinks is appropriate.

### 11 Consultation/community engagement

Consultation has been undertaken with the Claire Wheatley and the Chair of the Board, Councillor Karen Clark.

### 12 Human rights

There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

### 13 Equalities and diversity

There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

### 14 Risk management

A risk assessment has not been undertaken in connection to this matter.

### 15 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

### 16 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability issues arising from this report.

## SIGN OFF

Chair/Deputy Chair of the Board

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Director of Children's and Adults' Services

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Director of Healthwatch North Tyneside

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