

## **Cheshire and Warrington Health and Wellbeing Commission**

### **Terms of reference**

#### **1. Background and context**

The Health and Wellbeing Commission is a newly established Commission with the aim of **contributing to improving health and the reduction of health inequalities across the sub-region.**

#### **2. Purpose and function**

- Providing visible, audible and inspirational leadership on health and health inequalities;
- Identifying a priority area for action/intervention;
- Identifying and learning from best practice that can be implemented in the sub-region;
- Making connections between different initiatives and organisations (including other Commissions) across the sub region that contribute to reducing health inequalities;
- Identifying funding streams on a sub-regional basis that can be utilised to add value to the interventions;
- Promoting, publicising and communicating the health agenda across partnerships and to the public.

#### **3. Outcomes**

- Improved quality of life and reduced health inequalities within the sub region
- System costs reduced – the key outcome is to reduce costs across the public sector organisations.

#### **4. Governance**

##### **Lead Organisations:**

Cheshire East Council  
Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

##### **Other Member Organisations**

Cheshire Constabulary  
Cheshire West and Chester Council  
Halton Council  
Warrington Council  
Halton & St Helens PCT  
Western Cheshire PCT  
Warrington PCT  
Central & Eastern Cheshire PCT  
Third Sector  
Business Sector (nominee from the Enterprise Commission)

##### **Supported by:**

CHAMPS  
IDeA

**Governance**

The Commission is one of seven established as part of the sub-regional architecture developed following the Local Government Reorganisation of April 2009. The Commissions report to the Cheshire and Warrington sub-regional Leadership Board.

**Membership**

The Local Authorities will be represented by the Portfolio Holders for Health. Each of the sub-regional organisations will be represented at the Commission by appropriate officers.

**Chair**

Councillor Andrew Knowles (Cheshire East Council)

**Vice- Chair**

Councillor Brenda Dowding (Cheshire West and Chester)

**Frequency of and support for meetings**

Six a year in advance of the Sub Regional Leadership Board meetings (to be reviewed after year one)

**Accountability**

The Commission will report via the Chair to the Sub Regional Leadership Board

**5. Strategic Context**

The work of the Commission will link to a comprehensive range of local and national strategies including (but not exhaustively):

Regional:

- Joint Strategic Needs Assessments
- Annual Public Health Report of PCTs
- Strategies for Older People
- Local Development Frameworks
- Learning Disability Plans
- World Class Commissioning Plan of PCTs
- Mental Health Policies
- Carers Strategies
- Children and Young People's Plans
- Housing Strategies
- Homelessness Strategies
- Community Plans
- Community Safety Plans
- Physical disability and sensory impairment strategies
- Supporting People Strategies

National:

- Change4life
- Saving Lives: Our Healthier Nation (1999)

- The NHS Plan: A Plan for Investment, A Plan for Reform (2000)
- Tackling Health Inequalities - A Programme For Action (2004)
- White Paper – Choosing Health: Making Healthier Choices Easier (2004)
- White Paper – Our Health, Our Care, Our Say (2006)
- The Marmot Review of Health Inequalities (due February 2010)

## **6. Resourcing**

The lead officer for the Commission is Guy Kilminster (Cheshire East Council) supported by Evan Morris (Cheshire Fire and Rescue). The Commission is receiving 20 days support through a Local Improvement Adviser. An officer support group will be established to lead on actions coming out of the Commission and to provide support and advice.