

The New Forest Health & Wellbeing Board

Health & Wellbeing Boards: A Background

- Health and Wellbeing Boards were introduced in 2013 creating a statutory requirement of each upper-tier local authority in England to form a Health & Wellbeing Board
- The aim of the Health and Wellbeing Boards is to build strong and effective partnerships, improving the delivery and provision of health and social care leading to improved health and wellbeing for local people.
- The board is also responsible for leading locally on reducing health inequalities. It looks to encourage those who are involved in the provision of any health services to work in an integrated manner.
- Each board produces a joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) for its local authority area.
- A JSNA provides local policy-makers and commissioners with a profile of the health and wellbeing needs of the local population.
- Priority areas from the JSNA are key in the development of a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The boards are responsible for producing a joint health and wellbeing strategy.
- These strategies feed in to the commissioning plans as the aim of the JSNA is to improve commissioning and reduce health inequalities by identifying current and future health trends within a local population.
- These have helped shape the County Health and Wellbeing plan.

- Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) became statutory organisations in 2013
- Clinical Commissioning Groups are groups of GPs that have responsibility for designing local health services in England.
- West Hampshire CCG covers Test Valley, Winchester, Eastleigh and New Forest local authority areas.
- There are 50 GP practices within the West Hants area, each being a core member of the commissioning group.
- These practices are split into six localities to keep a local focus.
- The New Forest has 17 GP practices and is split in to two geographical areas; Totton and Waterside & West New Forest
- Health and Wellbeing Boards have powers to influence commissioning decisions made by CCGs.
- CCGs and Tier 1 local authorities may delegate commissioning powers to health and wellbeing boards so that they can lead on joint commissioning.
- JSNAs and joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies, produced by the boards, are key tools that CCGs use in deciding what public health services need to be purchased.
- The boards have a role in shaping the local public health landscape, and helping CCGs to commission services in an effective and targeted manner.

Why the need for a New Forest Health & Wellbeing Board?

- The determinants that shape the JSNA may differ vastly in a county like Hampshire.
- There are JSNAs produced for each local authority in Hampshire. These can be found on hants.gov.uk
- Each tier 2 Local Authority in the Hampshire County Council area has a Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Tier 2 Local Authorities are covered by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). The New Forest district is covered by the West Hants CCG and has two localities, Totton & Waterside and West New Forest.
- The headline priorities are set by the Hampshire Health & Wellbeing Board in accordance with the JSNA priorities
- From these each local authority Health and Wellbeing Board has identified the priorities most pertinent to their locale.
- New Forest Health and Wellbeing board has set its priority areas in relation to the JSNA and the outcomes of the Public Health England health profile for the New Forest District . The health profiles can be found on phe.org.uk

The New Forest Strategic Health and Wellbeing Board's articles

The New Forest Health and Wellbeing Board has no legal duties or responsibilities. It exists to help to inform, shape and enhance outcomes for the local organisations, the community and the residents of the district.

- The Aims of the New Forest Strategic Health and Wellbeing Board are
 1. Improve health and wellbeing in the New Forest.
 2. To promote the health and wellbeing agenda across the New Forest to partners and the wider population by providing strategic leadership across all agencies in the New Forest.

The objectives of the New Forest Health & Wellbeing Board

- Identify and agree public health priorities and develop a localised evidence based action plan for the district which responds to issues identified through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Hampshire Health and Wellbeing and West Hampshire CCG priorities.
- Develop and strengthen partnership working across statutory and voluntary sectors and to share good practice, reduce duplication and ensure best value.
- Influence commissioning of services to deliver the needs of the New Forest community and co-ordinate the delivery of programmes and services that address health and wellbeing priorities.
- Co-ordinate effective and efficient use of any available resources to deliver the priorities in the health and wellbeing action plan.
- Develop and maintain joint understanding and an efficient and effective dialogue with local GPs and other clinicians via the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for West Hampshire.
- Ensure that the local action plan embraces the work of other key local partnerships e.g. Community Safety Partnership (CSP), Older People Partnership (OPP), Sports and Physical Activity Alliance (SPAA), and Local Children's Partnerships (LCPs).

Why should NFDC be involved?

- Showing leadership and working on behalf of our residents to ensure we can achieve our agreed vision.
- NFDC has the opportunity to influence delivery and ensure better service outcomes for our community.
- To shape the direction of resources within the district to and working together with others to achieve more for our residents.
- Working in partnership with other agencies to ensure that there is better return on investment for the resources at our disposal.
- Assist the wellbeing of those who live and work in our district by having clear target and outcomes driven by local priorities linked to the JSNA and Public Health profiles.
- Improve outcomes for all concerned, council, our partners & our residents.