



Health and Wellbeing Board Newsletter

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West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board is a forum for commissioners and leaders across the NHS, public health and social care to improve the health and wellbeing of the people in West Sussex. Its role is to promote integration, trust and joint working between the NHS and local government, as well as to influence the commissioners and providers of all services that impact on health and wellbeing. The Board also provides a forum for challenge, discussion and the involvement of local people. It is in a unique position to use its collective influence to take a system-wide overview and help to determine the shape of the health and care system in West Sussex.

Membership

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is made up of representatives of:

- [NHS Coastal West Sussex](#) Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- [NHS Crawley](#) CCG Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- [NHS Horsham and Mid Sussex](#) Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- [NHS England, Surrey & Sussex Area Team](#)
- [Healthwatch West Sussex](#)
- Voluntary Sector
- District and Borough Councils
- [West Sussex County Council](#)



Mrs Christine Field, Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing and Deputy Leader of West Sussex County Council, is Chairman and the Vice Chairman is Dr Minesh Patel, Clinical Chairman of NHS Horsham and Mid Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Please click [here](#) to see the full list of Board members.



Meetings

The HWB meets in public four times a year. Agendas and minutes of meetings are available online [here](#), and details of forthcoming meetings are as set out below:

Date/time	Venue	Key issues due to be discussed*
17 July 2014, 2.15pm	County Hall North, Horsham	Mental Health Services
16 October 2014, 2.15pm	County Hall Chichester	Children's Health & Social Care Services
5 February 2015, 2.15pm	County Hall North, Horsham	Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, 2015+

*may be subject to change – please check [web pages](#) for more information



Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The development of a joint health and wellbeing strategy (JHWS) is one of the key statutory roles of health and wellbeing boards. The [West Sussex Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-15](#) sets out the Board's view of health and social care in West Sussex and is the primary reference against which it will consider commissioning plans and, if necessary, challenge them. It also identifies the following key priority areas:

- Dementia
- Workplace health
- Children and families

The HWB reviewed progress against each of these priority areas in April 2014, and is due to begin developing the new JHWS later this year.



Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

Health and wellbeing boards are also responsible for overseeing the development of the health and social care needs assessment referred to as the [Joint Strategic Needs Assessment](#) (JSNA). The JSNA identifies the health and wellbeing needs of the people of West Sussex and the results are used to inform local commissioning of services to create a more effective and responsive local health and care system. It provides:

- an analysis of the current health of the population
- a view of the future, predicting new or unmet need
- an understanding of what people in the local community want

JSNA publications include the [West Sussex Carers Health Needs Assessment](#), [Ward Profiles](#), [Census data](#) and [Director of Public Health Annual Reports](#).

Transformation of health and social care – Better Care Fund

The Better Care Fund is a new single, shared fund, identified from existing health (NHS) and social care budgets that is designed to bring about closer working to deliver better services for the population of West Sussex. The aim is that it will support health and social care to transform local services; to concentrate on providing people with the right care, in the right place, at the right time; care that is planned and tailored to a person's individual needs; and that is delivered in partnership to the highest possible standards. Click [here](#) to see a briefing provided to the HWB in April 2014, giving more information on the Better Care Fund and how services will be transformed. A plan for how the Better Care Fund will be implemented in West Sussex was endorsed by the HWB and submitted to NHS England in April, and the Board will be overseeing the implementation of this [plan](#).

Healthwatch West Sussex

Healthwatch West Sussex is the independent consumer champion for health and social care. It aims to help people get the best out of their local health and social care services, and more information on its work is available via its [website](#). Healthwatch West Sussex Chairman, Frances Russell, is a Member of the HWB, and gave a [presentation](#) on its role at the HWB meeting last September.



Developing the Health and Wellbeing Board

Last summer, the [Local Government Association](#) carried out a Health and Wellbeing Peer Challenge at the invitation of the County Council, which included a focus on the effectiveness of the HWB (click [here](#) to see the feedback report). The headline messages were positive: good foundations are in place, there is enthusiasm to meet the challenges we face and strong and respectful relationships are in place. However, a number of areas were highlighted to help the Board develop and to ensure it is fit for purpose for the challenges it faces, including the following recommendations:

- The Board needs to be seen as a driver for change, adding value and delivering real outcomes
- The Board's role, membership and ways of working need to be reviewed (to make it feel less like a County Council committee)
- The Board needs to review and strengthen our partnerships, communications and accountability arrangements

In response, the HWB membership has been reviewed, and the County Council membership reduced from 9 to 6 and CCG membership increased from 3 to 7. It is holding more informal sessions and workshops for Board members to "drill down" into key issues and to help build ownership and involvement from all members. We are looking at how other HWB's work and aiming to learn from best practice and have developed a draft Communication and Engagement Framework (due to be given final approval at the July meeting).

Meetings and Events in 2014

Event	Link to further information	Date
Mid Sussex Older People's Council (MSOPC) Conference: Are Older People Getting Younger?	Click here	12 June 2014
West Sussex Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee Meetings	Click here	12 June, 2 October, 13 November
Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Board meetings	Click here	30 June, 28 July, 26 August, 29 September, 27 October, 24 November, 8 December
Surrey & Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust Board meetings	Click here	26 June, 7 August, 28 August, 25 September, 30 October, 27 November, 18 December
Sussex Community NHS Trust Board meetings	Click here	26 June, 31 July, 25 September, 30 October, 27 November
Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust Board of Directors meetings	Click here	25 June, 30 July, 24 September, 29 October, 26 November, 17 December
Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Board meetings	Click here	3 July, 28 August, 2 October, 30 October, 27 November, 18 December
Crawley CCG Governing Body meetings	Click here	19 June, 18 September, 20 November
Coastal West Sussex CCG Governing Body meetings	Click here	3 September, 26 November
Horsham & Mid Sussex CCG Governing Body meetings	Click here	2 September, 2 December

Publications

- [Living Well for Longer](#) - this Department of Health document will help people understand how the national system as a whole is supporting local action to help people live well for longer. It includes actions already taken in prevention, early diagnosis and treatment. It focuses on the 5 big killers: cancer, stroke, heart disease, lung disease and liver diseases. It also includes examples of good practice and help for local commissioning and service delivery.
- [How is the NHS Performing?](#) – is the quarterly monitoring report providing selected data on NHS service performance produced by the [King's Fund](#) (April 2014)
- [Health and Wellbeing Boards One Year On](#) – published in October 2013 by the King's Fund



Links to other useful information

- [Regional Voices](#) for Better Health is an organisation which champions the work of voluntary and community organisations to improve health, well-being and care across England.
- NHS organisations providing services to West Sussex residents:
 - [Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust](#) (Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath and Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton)
 - [Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust](#) (East Surrey Hospital, Redhill and some services at Crawley and Horsham Hospitals)
 - [Sussex Community NHS Trust](#) (community health services, including child development centres, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, podiatry, speech and language therapy and community hospitals)
 - [Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust](#) (mental health services provider)
 - [Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#) (St Richard's Hospital, Chichester and Worthing and Southlands Hospitals)

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