

Update on the ESP contribution to the Health and Wellbeing agenda.

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1. Context:

At its previous meeting the board agreed that the ESP has already demonstrated benefits from working in partnership to contribute to Health and Wellbeing of people in Suffolk and also backed the ambition to build closer links to the Health and Wellbeing Board to supplement and support it to deliver its priorities.

2. Progress:

A meeting was convened to bring together key individuals who can make this happen.

MEETING PURPOSE: To discuss how best to address the issues to come out of the ESP discussion on 17 December in light of other current developments such as:

- Newly created, shared Head of Communities role in east Suffolk. Working for HealthEast and Suffolk Coastal & Waveney District Councils.
- Suffolk Public Health funding grant to District Councils,
- Suffolk Transformation Challenge Fund,
- Vanguard pilots.

ORGANISATIONS REPRESENTED:

East Suffolk Partnership

HealthEast (Gt Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group)

Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group

Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils

Suffolk County Council (Public Health)

3. Issues Raised:

The membership of the ESP is wider than many comparable partnerships including the H&WB Board. It offers the opportunity to promote H&WB across the system.

The ESP is successful as the 'middle tier' of collaboration – linking strategic thinking to local delivery. It therefore offers partners an opportunity to have an impact wider than in their own areas of expertise/operation.

The focus of the ESP on supporting communities to do more for themselves is a useful avenue to deliver greater H&WB outcomes.

What about where the ESP does not have representation? Could look to support the Board as well as individual Board members.

So much of H&WB agenda is impacted on by non-health related organisations – the partnership can help with demand management either through preventative action within the individual organisations as well as by better coordinating their services.

Health is a major employer facing a critical skills shortage as well as major risks over staff recruitment and retention.

An ageing work force is bringing with it new and challenging issues to organisations attempting to maintain and improve performance.

There is a range of sources of significant funding available to support the preventative agenda but is not well understood and attempts to use it are disconnected.

4. Next Steps

Step 1

Prepare a short report to the Board reporting the outcomes of this meeting and seeking support for this group to continue to meet to drive the work forward. (It was agreed that future meetings will be useful to act as an ESP advisory group and the next meeting will be arranged after the ESP Board meeting on 18 March).

Step 2

Facilitate a workshop targeted at Board members and their key staff / representatives:

- To improve understanding of how the whole system impacts on H&WB and improve connectivity across the ESP to dilute silo mentalities and drive risk and innovation.
- Seek an agreed approach to tackling the skills shortage and retention issues in the Health Sector.

5. Conclusion

The focus of this work will be leading the drive to better connect the whole system to deliver the preventative agenda and to enable our communities to take greater responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.