

## 194 Establishment of Health and Wellbeing Boards

- (1) A local authority must establish a Health and Wellbeing Board for its area.
- (2) The Health and Wellbeing Board is to consist of—
  - (a) subject to subsection (4), at least one councillor of the local authority, nominated in accordance with subsection (3),
  - (b) the director of adult social services for the local authority,
  - (c) the director of children’s services for the local authority,
  - (d) the director of public health for the local authority,
  - (e) a representative of the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area of the local authority,
  - (f) a representative of each relevant clinical commissioning group, and
  - (g) such other persons, or representatives of such other persons, as the local authority thinks appropriate.
- (3) A nomination for the purposes of subsection (2)(a) must be made—
  - (a) in the case of a local authority operating executive arrangements, by the elected mayor or the executive leader of the local authority;
  - (b) in any other case, by the local authority.
- (4) In the case of a local authority operating executive arrangements, the elected mayor or the executive leader of the local authority may, instead of or in addition to making a nomination under subsection (2)(a), be a member of the Board.
- (5) The Local Healthwatch organisation for the area of the local authority must appoint one person to represent it on the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- (6) A relevant clinical commissioning group must appoint a person to represent it on the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- (7) A person may, with the agreement of the Health and Wellbeing Board, represent more than one clinical commissioning group on the Board.
- (8) The Health and Wellbeing Board may appoint such additional persons to be members of the Board as it thinks appropriate.
- (9) At any time after a Health and Wellbeing Board is established, a local authority must, before appointing another person to be a member of the Board under subsection (2)(g), consult the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- (10) A relevant clinical commissioning group must co-operate with the Health and Wellbeing Board in the exercise of the functions of the Board.
- (11) A Health and Wellbeing Board is a committee of the local authority which established it and, for the purposes of any enactment, is to be treated as if it were a committee appointed by that authority under section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- (12) But regulations may provide that any enactment relating to a committee appointed under section 102 of that Act of 1972—
  - (a) does not apply in relation to a Health and Wellbeing Board, or
  - (b) applies in relation to it with such modifications as may be prescribed in the regulations.
- (13) In this section—
  - (a) “enactment” includes an enactment contained in subordinate legislation (within the meaning of the Interpretation Act 1978);
  - (b) “elected mayor”, “executive arrangements” and “executive leader”, in relation to a local authority, have the same meaning as in Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000;
  - (c) “relevant clinical commissioning group”, in relation to a local authority, means any clinical commissioning group whose area coincides with or falls wholly or partly within the area of the local authority.
- (14) In this section and in sections 195 to 199, “local authority” means—
  - (a) a county council in England;

- (b) a district council in England, other than a council for a district in a county for which there is a county council;
- (c) a London borough council;
- (d) the Council of the Isles of Scilly;
- (e) the Common Council of the City of London in its capacity as a local authority.

*Health and Wellbeing Boards: functions*

**195 Duty to encourage integrated working**

(1) A Health and Wellbeing Board must, for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the people in its area, encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in that area to work in an integrated manner.

(2) A Health and Wellbeing Board must, in particular, provide such advice, assistance or other support as it thinks appropriate for the purpose of encouraging the making of arrangements under section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 in connection with the provision of such services.

(3) A Health and Wellbeing Board may encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health-related services in its area to work closely with the Health and Wellbeing Board.

(4) A Health and Wellbeing Board may encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services in its area and persons who arrange for the provision of any health-related services in its area to work closely together.

(5) Any reference in this section to the area of a Health and Wellbeing Board is a reference to the area of the local authority that established it.

(6) In this section—

“the health service” has the same meaning as in the National Health Service Act 2006;

“health services” means services that are provided as part of the health service in England;

“health-related services” means services that may have an effect on the health of individuals but are not health services or social care services;

“social care services” means services that are provided in pursuance of the social services functions of local authorities (within the meaning of the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970).

**196 Other functions of Health and Wellbeing Boards**

(1) The functions of a local authority and its partner clinical commissioning groups under sections 116 and 116A of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (“the 2007 Act”) are to be exercised by the Health and Wellbeing Board established by the local authority.

(2) A local authority may arrange for a Health and Wellbeing Board established by it to exercise any functions that are exercisable by the authority.

(3) A Health and Wellbeing Board may give the local authority that established it its opinion on whether the authority is discharging its duty under section 116B of the 2007 Act.

(4) The power conferred by subsection (2) does not apply to the functions of the authority by virtue of section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006.

*Health and Wellbeing Boards: supplementary*

**197 Participation of NHS Commissioning Board**

(1) Subsection (2) applies where a Health and Wellbeing Board is (by virtue of section 196(1)) preparing—

- (a) an assessment of relevant needs under section 116 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, or

(b) a strategy under section 116A of that Act.

(2) The National Health Service Commissioning Board must appoint a representative to join the Health and Wellbeing Board for the purpose of participating in its preparation of the assessment or (as the case may be) the strategy.

(3) Subsection (4) applies where a Health and Wellbeing Board is considering a matter that relates to the exercise or proposed exercise of the commissioning functions of the National Health Service Commissioning Board in relation to the area of the authority that established the Health and Wellbeing Board.

(4) If the Health and Wellbeing Board so requests, the National Health Service Commissioning Board must appoint a representative to join the Health and Wellbeing Board for the purpose of participating in its consideration of the matter.

(5) The person appointed under subsection (2) or (4) may, with the agreement of the Health and Wellbeing Board, be a person who is not a member or employee of the National Health Service Commissioning Board.

(6) In this section—

“commissioning functions”, in relation to the National Health Service Commissioning Board, means the functions of the Board in arranging for the provision of services as part of the health service in England; “the health service” has the same meaning as in the National Health Service Act 2006.

#### **198 Discharge of functions of Health and Wellbeing Boards**

Two or more Health and Wellbeing Boards may make arrangements for—

- (a) any of their functions to be exercisable jointly;
- (b) any of their functions to be exercisable by a joint sub-committee of the Boards;
- (c) a joint sub-committee of the Boards to advise them on any matter related to the exercise of their functions.

#### **199 Supply of information to Health and Wellbeing Boards**

(1) A Health and Wellbeing Board may, for the purpose of enabling or assisting it to perform its functions, request any of the following persons to supply it with such information as may be specified in the request—

- (a) the local authority that established the Health and Wellbeing Board;
- (b) any person who is represented on the Health and Wellbeing Board by virtue of section 194(2)(e) to (g) or (8);
- (c) any person who is a member of a Health and Wellbeing Board by virtue of section 194(2)(g) or (8) but is not acting as a representative.

(2) A person who is requested to supply information under subsection (1) must comply with the request.

(3) Information supplied to a Health and Wellbeing Board under this section may be used by the Board only for the purpose of enabling or assisting it to perform its functions.

(4) Information requested under subsection (1) must be information that relates to—

- (a) a function of the person to whom the request is made, or
- (b) a person in respect of whom a function is exercisable by that person.