



Appendix B

Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (Standing Orders)

1. Co-optees

The Chairman/woman or the Board will be entitled to appoint, in consultation with the Board via e-mail, up to 3 people at any one time as non-voting co-opted members of the Board. The Board shall determine whether the co-options shall be for a specified period, for specific meetings or for specific items.

Co-options may only be made if the person co-opted has particular knowledge or elected expertise in the functions for which the Board is responsible, or knowledge/responsibility for a geographic or academic agenda issue.

2. Notice of Meetings

Meetings of the Board will be convened by the County Council, who will also arrange the clerking and recording of meetings (a member of the County Council's Democratic Services Team will act as Clerk).

3. Chairmanship

The appointment of the Chairman/woman will be determined by full Council at the annual general meeting, or at any subsequent meeting should the need arise; having regard to recommendations from the political Group Leaders.

The Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board will elect annually a Vice-Chairman/woman who will be drawn from the Clinical Commissioning Group representatives on the Board.

If the Chairman/woman and Vice-Chairman/woman are absent from a meeting, the Board members present will choose a person to preside for the meeting.

4. Quorum

The quorum for all meetings of the Board will be eight members.

5. Appointment of Substitute Members

Nominating groups may appoint a substitute member for each position. These members will receive electronic versions of agendas and minutes for all meetings. Notification of a named substitute member must be made in writing or by email to the Clerk. Substitute members may attend meetings after notifying the Clerk of the intended substitution before the start of the meeting either verbally or in writing. Substitute members will have full voting rights when taking the place of the ordinary member for whom they are designated substitute.



6. **Decision Making**

It is expected that decisions will be reached by consensus, however, if a vote is required it will be determined by a simple majority of those members present and voting. If there are equal numbers of votes for and against, the Chairman/woman will have a second or casting vote. There will be no restriction on how the Chairman/woman chooses to exercise a casting vote.

7. **Meeting Frequency**

The Board will meet **at least** four times a year.

In addition, extraordinary meetings may be called from time to time as and when appropriate. A Board meeting may be called by the Chairman/woman, by any three members of the Board or by the Director of Public Health if he/she considers it necessary or appropriate.

8. **Supply of information**

The 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) of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (“the 2012 Act”);
- (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.

A person who is requested to supply information under (a), (b) and (c) must comply with the request. 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.

9. **Status of Reports**

Meetings of the Board shall be open to the press and public and the agenda, reports and minutes will be available for inspection at Cambridgeshire County Council’s offices and on the County Council’s website at least five working days in advance of each meeting. [This excludes items of business containing confidential information or information that is exempt from publication in accordance with Part 5A and Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.] Other participating organisations may make links from their website to the Board’s papers on Cambridgeshire County Council’s website.



10. **Press Strategy**

An electronic link to agendas for all meetings will be sent to the local media. Cambridgeshire County Council will be responsible for issuing press releases on behalf of the Board and dealing with any press enquiries. Press releases issued on behalf of the Board will be agreed with the Chairman/woman or Vice-Chairman/woman and circulated to all Board members.

11. **Members' Conduct**

Part 5 - Codes and Protocols of the County Council's Constitution applies to all elected and 'co-opted' members of the Board

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20050/council_structure/288/councils_constitution

12. **Amendment of the Terms of Reference**

The Board may recommend variations to its Terms of Reference by a simple majority vote by the members provided that prior notice of the nature of the proposed variation is made and included on the agenda for the meeting.

13. **Governance and Accountability**

The Board will be accountable for its actions to its individual member organisations.

There will be sovereignty around decision making processes. Representatives will be accountable through their own organisations for the decisions they take. It is expected that Members of the Board will have delegated authority from their organisations to take decisions within the terms of reference.

Decisions within the terms of reference will be taken at meetings and will not normally be subject to ratification or a formal decision process by partner organisations. However, where decisions are not within the delegated authority of the Board members, these will be subject to ratification by constituent bodies.

It is expected that decisions will be reached by consensus.



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The Constitution

Part 4 - Rules of Procedure

Part 4.4 - Committee and Sub-Committee
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