**North East Health & Wellbeing Boards September 2016**

Each local authority in the North East has its own Health and Wellbeing Board. These are relatively new structures, only operating with full powers and responsibilities from April 2013. The Boards are a forum where key leaders from the health and care systems can work together in partnership to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population. Boards should be the place where health services can co-ordinate with all the other services which shape people's health – notably social care, children’s care, housing, employment, education and public health – to tackle the root causes of ill health and inequality. Boards should also provide a forum for challenge, discussion, and the involvement of local people and organisations.

Each Board is different, reflecting local decisions on membership, form and function. Some areas have built on established health partnerships. Others have set up new arrangements. However, all Boards are required to develop a shared understanding of the health and wellbeing needs of their local community, brought together in a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and regularly updated. Using the JSNA, Boards are required to develop a joint Health and Wellbeing strategy as to how these needs can be best met. This should include recommendations for joint commissioning and integrating services across health and care services for the benefit of patients and the public. Boards are under a statutory duty to involve local people in the preparation of both the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the development of the joint Health and Wellbeing strategy.

Essentially, Board members should collaborate to understand their local community’s needs, agree priorities and encourage commissioners to work in a more joined up way, whichever service they work for. Health and Wellbeing boards are expected to have strategic influence over commissioning decisions across all services which impact on health and wellbeing.

Boards are required by the Health and Social Care Act to have a minimum membership of one local elected councillor; a representative from the local Healthwatch; a representative of the local clinical commissioning group and the local authority directors of adult social services, children’s services and public health. Boards are free to expand their membership to include a wide range of perspectives and expertise. Some have included representatives from the voluntary and community sector. Others have included Universities and Housing Associations.

However membership should not be the only way to engage with the work of the Board and all Boards are expected to ensure that the needs of local people as a whole are taken into account.

The tables below will take you to the website for each Health and Wellbeing Board. From there you can find both Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Health and Wellbeing strategy for your area.

We have also listed the current priorities for each of the 12 Health and Wellbeing Boards in the North East. The list is taken from the [Local Government website](http://www.local.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing-boards/-/journal_content/56/10180/6111055/ARTICLE). It is not a definitive list of all local activity but is intended to encourage collaborative working within and between each area. Your local Health and Wellbeing Strategy will provide much more detail on local action.

The details of Healthwatch representatives and Voluntary and Community Sector representatives have been taken from local contacts, Healthwatch websites and the most recent minutes and agenda of the Boards.

The Department of Health has produced a [guide](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130805112926/http%3A/healthandcare.dh.gov.uk/hwb-guide/) to Health & Wellbeing Boards. Regional Voices have prepared a [guide on working with the voluntary and community sector for Health and Wellbeing Boards](http://www.regionalvoices.org/sites/default/files/library/Briefing_on_VCS_for_healthwelbeingboards.pdf).

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| Northumberland Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Priorities in Northumberland include reducing alcohol related harm; tackling levels of obesity through diet and exercise; and promoting mental wellbeing. |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=14509) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Councillor Sudan Dungworth Cynthia Atkin (Healthwatch Chair) |
| VCS membership | None currently |

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| North Tyneside Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Priorities in North Tyneside include alcohol, cancer and mental health. |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browse-display.shtml?p_ID=537759&p_subjectCategory=387) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/browsemeetings.shtml?p_subjectCategory=1566) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Councillor Margaret HallPeter Kenrick (Healthwatch Chair)Claire Arthur (Healthwatch Officer) |
| VCS membership | D Titterton, Voluntary and Community Sector Chief Officer GroupAlma Caldwell, Age UK North Tyneside |

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| Newcastle Wellbeing for Life Board |
| Newcastle’s Wellbeing for Life Strategy includes areas of action such as working city, decent neighbourhoods, getting a good start in life, making wellbeing and health promotion a key dimension of all we do and maximising the wellbeing of people who have long term conditions. |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.wellbeingforlife.org.uk/wellbeing-life-board) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://democracy.newcastle.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?XXR=0&Year=2014&CId=1018&MD=ielistmeetings&) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Councillor Nick ForbesBev Bookless (Healthwatch Chair)Steph Edusei (Chief Executive, HealthWatch) |
| VCS membership | Sally Young, CEO, Newcastle Council for Voluntary ServiceBrendan Hill, VCS representative |

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| Gateshead Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Priorities in Gateshead are to ensure children have the best start in life; tackle the major causes of ill health through a focus on lifestyle risks and work with communities to improve emotional health and wellbeing. |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/GSP/Meetings-and-Boards/Health-and-Wellbeing-Board-.aspx) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://online.gateshead.gov.uk/docushare/dsweb/View/Collection-4269) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Councillor Lynne CaffreyDouglas Bell (Healthwatch Chair) |
| VCS membership | Jenny McAteer, CEO, Gateshead Voluntary Organisations CouncilIan Blake GVOC |

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| South Tyneside Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Priorities in South Tyneside are reducing inequalities through prevention and early identification of risk; tackling youth unemployment; reducing social isolation in older people; improving the quality, integration and efficiency of local services |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.southtyneside.info/article/16956/south-tynesides-health-and-wellbeing-board) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://www.southtyneside.info/applications/2/councillorsandcommittees/committeedetails.aspx?committeeid=883&periodid=27) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Councillor Iain MalcolmSue Taylor (Healthwatch Chair) |
| VCS membership | None currently listed |

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| Sunderland Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Priorities in Sunderland are for a better start and strengthening families; economic leadership and development; and supporting older people to live independently.  |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.sunderlandpartnership.org.uk/healthy.html) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cmis5/CommitteesandNotices/201314/tabid/114/ctl/ViewCMIS_CommitteeDetails/mid/547/id/1658/Default.aspx) |
| Healthwatch Representative(s) | Kevin Morris (Healthwatch Chair) |
| VCS membership | None currently listed |

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| Durham Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Priorities in County Durham are tackling health inequalities, improving mental health and wellbeing and children’s health. |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.countydurhampartnership.co.uk/Pages/HP-Home.aspx) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://democracy.durham.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeId=919) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Councillor Lucy HovvelsJudith Mashiter (Healthwatch Joint Chair) |
| VCS membership | None currently listed |

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| Darlington Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Priorities in Darlington include reducing health inequalities in cardiovascular disease, tackling alcohol related harm and improving mental health and wellbeing.  |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/Democracy/democraticinvolvement/healthandwellbeingboard.htm) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/Democracy/democraticinvolvement/healthandwellbeingboard.htm) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Councillor Andy ScottMichelle Thompson (Healthwatch Chair) |
| VCS membership | Vacant |

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| Stockton Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Priorities in Stockton-on-Tees include giving every child the best start in life, preventing ill health and tobacco control. |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.stockton.gov.uk/healthandwellbeing/healthandwellbeingboard/) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://www.egenda.stockton.gov.uk/aksstockton/users/public/admin/kab71.pl?cmte=NHW) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Councillor Jim BeallTony Beckwith (Healthwatch Chair) |
| VCS membership | None currently listed |

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| Hartlepool Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Priorities in Hartlepool are to give every child the best start in life; enable all children and young people to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives; enable all adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives; create fair employment and good work for all; ensure healthy standard of living for all; create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities; and to strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention.  |
| **The Health and Wellbeing Strategy** can be viewed [here](http://www.teesjsna.org.uk/hartlepool-core-strategies/) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/meetings/committee/132/health_and_wellbeing_board) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Councillor Christopher Akers-BelcherMargaret Wrenn and Ruby Marshall  |
| VCS membership | Tracy Woodhall |

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| Middlesbrough Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Middlesbrough prioritises improving health outcomes for children, tackling lifestyle risk factors (smoking, alcohol, obesity), tackling the social causes of poor health, improving emotional well-being and mental health across the life course. |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.middlesbroughpartnership.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=3915) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://democracy.middlesbrough.gov.uk/aksmiddlesbrough/users/public/admin/kab71.pl?cmte=HWB) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Councillor David RuddDr Paul Crawshaw (Healthwatch Chair) |
| VCS membership | Vacant |

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| Redcar and Cleveland Health and Wellbeing Board |
| Priorities in Redcar and Cleveland are that children and young people have the best start in life; people in Redcar & Cleveland live healthier and longer lives; and that more people lead safe, independent lives. |
| **The Website** can be viewed [here](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/partnership-rcbc.nsf/Web?ReadForm&id=198533B51589D3778025786B003D08B5) |
| **Agenda and papers** can be downloaded [here](http://www.redcar-cleveland.gov.uk/cabpap13-14.nsf/allbykey/83C7E3C310EDCEC080257B6B0053E6DB) |
| ChairHealthwatch Representative(s) | Sue JeffreyDr Ian Holtby (Healthwatch Chair) |
| VCS membership | John Pearson |

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