



**Meeting of NHS Board
28th March 2018**

**POPULATION HEALTH, PRIMARY CARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE - 21 March 2018**

This paper summarises the key issues considered at the first meeting of the Committee held on Wednesday 21 March 2018. The agenda comprised of some business items from colleagues in Public Health and a wider discussion around the purpose, remit, and membership of the Committee.

It was acknowledged at the outset that the Committee must add value, avoid duplication of effort, and not impose an onerous burden on officers by seeking reports that should be discussed elsewhere. In terms of the routine business brought forward by Mr Docherty, these included updates in relation to

- The Annual Report from the Director of Public Health
- The Tobacco Strategy - which was endorsed
- A Screening Update
- An update from the Blood Borne Virus Network Group
- Adverse Childhood Experiences

Each of the reports were discussed on their own merit, but each also prompted a discussion about what role the Committee should play in looking at these types of reports and where potential overlaps exist, to avoid duplication. The major focus of the Committee discussion, and a repeated theme, was health inequalities, and this permeated the discussion around the routine business items that were discussed. It was noted that where routine performance management arrangements were already in place the Committee would not focus on these targets, but on aspects of inequalities, service delivery and integrated working.

There were many examples of areas of mutual interest that overlapped public health / health inequalities and work being taken forward by Health & Social Care Partnerships where aligned actions will contribute to a shared agenda. Other themes that the Committee will seek to develop were around Early Intervention, Mental Health Services, Children's Services, Breastfeeding, Sexual Health Services, Access Targets (by exception, as a theme), Screening uptake and Community Planning.

It was agreed that it would be useful to carry forward discussions to the next meeting when a workshop type meeting could be held, to finalise the Terms of Reference, membership and modus operandi for the Committee. It was also envisaged that the structure of the agenda would reflect the unique nature of the Committee, and would be a mixture of business items and thematic discussions, planned throughout the year. In the meantime the Committee were content to adopt the Terms of Reference as these were presented but will reflect on these in the light of the output from the May workshop session.

Dates of meetings were set for the remainder of the year.

- 23 May 2018
- 18 July 2018
- 19 September 2018
- 21 November 2018

(All Wednesdays, all 9.30am – 12.00noon)

It was noted that every effort would be made to have these in the same venue / location as the Acute Governance Committee (which meets in the afternoons) as far as possible.

Margaret Morris, Committee Chair