

## The Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board: Quick Guide

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Wellbeing starts with people; our connections with family, friends and colleagues; the behaviour, care and compassion we show one another; the environment we create to live together. We all have a part to play in Leeds being a healthy city with high quality services.

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) helps to achieve our ambition of Leeds being a healthy and caring city for all ages, where people who are the poorest, improve their health the fastest.

The Board takes a place-based approach to tackling the 12 priorities set out in the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21 and, through collective leadership around a shared vision, sets the direction for our city to reach its five outcomes.

### What is the Health and Wellbeing Board?

The Board is made up of a group of senior representatives from organisations across Leeds, including Leeds City Council, the NHS, the Integrated Care Board, the voluntary and community sector and Healthwatch, which ensures the views of the public are fully represented and acted on. There is cross-party political representation, with meetings Chaired by the Executive Member for Adult and Children's Social Care and Health Partnerships.

### Why the Health and Wellbeing Board exists?

The Board exists to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Leeds and to join up health and care services.

The HWB has developed partnership principles in which they work as 'Team Leeds', taking collective responsibility as if one organisation driven by our key vision. It also has a strong focus on the determinants of health, with Health and Wellbeing recognised as one of three key pillars for tackling inequalities alongside Inclusive Growth and Zero Carbon.

The recently published [Best City Ambition](#) which highlights the overall vision for the future of Leeds, has at its heart the mission to tackle poverty and inequality and improve quality of life for everyone who calls Leeds home. The Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy will continue to play a key role in helping to drive this ambition and improving outcomes.

Listening to people is also central to the work of both the HWB and partners across the city, with findings feeding into strategic planning and service delivery. A key recent example of this includes [The Big Leeds Chat](#). The Board works collectively, with the strengths and assets of Leeds people, to oversee, influence and shape action to ensure Leeds is a healthy city with high quality services

The HWB has specific key formal functions which it carries out and is detailed in its [Terms of Reference](#).



## How does the Health and Wellbeing Board work?

The Board meets about 10 times every year, with a mixture of formal Public Meetings, Private workshops and Board to Board sessions.

We get an understanding of the health and wellbeing needs and assets in Leeds by working on a Leeds Joint Strategic Assessment, which gathers lots of information together about people and communities in our city.

Sessions generally run for three hours per meeting including pre-meeting for the formal public meetings.

Members of the public are welcome to attend the formal public meetings and time is set aside at the start of each meeting so that people can ask the Board a question.

## Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Our [Health and Wellbeing strategy](#) is about how we put in place the best conditions in Leeds for people to live fulfilling lives – a healthy city with high quality services. Everyone in Leeds has a stake in creating a city which does the very best for its people. This strategy is our blueprint for how we will achieve that. It is led by the partners on the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board and it belongs to everyone in the city.

The current strategy which runs up to 2021 is going through a refresh which will set the vision and priorities of health and wellbeing of the city up to 2030.

The Board also continually reviews, and challenges actions taken forward reflecting on the progress annually, commissioning a review directed by the Health and Wellbeing Board. It is guided by the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy and summarises the actions and updates from those who have brought items to the Board and an overview of progress around the priorities and indicators of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

## Who is on the Health and Wellbeing Board?

As of July 2022 the HWB membership is the following (this includes a mixture of mandatory HWB appointments and additional members invited to join the Board to ensure the voices of all relevant partners are reflected in the Board discussions):

Cllr Fiona Venner (Chair)	Executive Member for Adult and Children's Social Care and Health Partnerships; Chair of Health and Wellbeing Board
Cllr Salma Arif	Executive Member for Public Health and Active Lifestyles
Cllr Jane Dowson	Elected Member
Cllr Norma Harrington	Elected Member
Cllr Stewart Golton	Elected Member
Supt Dan Wood / Paul Money	Joint Safer Leeds Representatives
Dr John Beal	Chair, Healthwatch Leeds



Hannah Davies	Chief Executive, Healthwatch Leeds
Pat McGeever	Third Sector Representative
Pip Goff	Third Sector Representative
Tim Ryley	Place Lead, Leeds Health & Care Partnership, Leeds Committee of the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Jenny Cooke	Director of Population Health Planning, Leeds Committee of the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
Dr Jason Broch/Dr Sarah Forbes	Joint Clinician representative ( <i>membership to be noted at September 2022 HWB meeting</i> )
Dr Victoria Eaton	Director of Public Health, Leeds City Council
Cath Roff	Director of Adults and Health, Leeds City Council
Sal Tariq	Director of Children and Families, Leeds City Council
Anthony Kealy	Locality Director - NHS England North (Yorkshire and the Humber)
Dr Sara Munro	Chief Executive, Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
Julian Hartley	Chief Executive, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust
Thea Stein	Chief Executive, Leeds Community Healthcare NHS Trust
James Rogers	Director of Communities, Housing and Environment, Leeds City Council
Jim Barwick	Leeds GP Confederation Representative
Rebecca Charlwood	Independent Chair, Leeds Committee of West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board ( <i>membership to be noted at September 2022 HWB meeting</i> )

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