Health and Wellbeing Boards were formally established on 1 April 2013 as part of Government reforms to the NHS as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012.

The main purpose of Health and Wellbeing Board’s is to oversee the new system for local health commissioning and to lead on the strategic planning and co-ordination of NHS, Public Health, Social Care and related Children’s Services.

Functions

The key statutory functions of the Health and Wellbeing Boards are:

- To prepare Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JHWSs)
- To encourage integrated working between health and social care commissioners
- To encourage close working between commissioners of health related services and the board itself
- To encourage close working between commissioners of health-related services, such as housing and many other local government services and commissioners of health and social care services

Additional information

Health and wellbeing board news and events