

E2 COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

X. The Health and Wellbeing Board

Appointed by:	The Council under Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012
No of Members:	At least 1 member of the Council and others prescribed in section 194 of the Act.
Chairman and Vice-Chairman appointed by:	The Council
Quorum	At least 50% of the membership of the Board
Frequency	Quarterly or as determined necessary by the Board
Venue	Priory House or as otherwise agreed by the Board
Co-opted Members	The Board may co-opt additional persons to be members of the Board as it thinks appropriate
Code:	Health and Social Care Act 2012

1.0 Terms of Reference

1.1 Statement of Purpose

The Health and Wellbeing Board exists to provides strategic leadership and to promote integration across health, adult social care, children’s services, safeguarding and the wider local authority to secure high quality and equitable health and wellbeing outcomes for the population of Central Bedfordshire

1.2 The Board has the following functions:

For the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the people in its area, the Board must encourage persons who arrange the provision of any health or social services in that area to work in an integrated manner;

The Board must provide such advice, assistance or other support as it thinks appropriate for the purpose of encouraging the making of arrangements under section 75 of the national Health Service Act 2006;

The Board may encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health-related services in its area to work closely with the Board;

The Board may encourage persons who arrange for the provision of any health or social services in its area and persons who arrange for the provision of any health-related services in its area to work together;

The Board shall exercise the functions of the Council and its partner commissioning groups under sections 116 (the preparation of a joint strategic needs assessment of relevant needs) and 116A (the preparation of a joint health and wellbeing strategy) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007;

The Board shall ensure a joint strategic approach to commissioning and that commissioning decisions reflect local priorities and targets and deliver national and locally agreed outcomes;

The Board will seek to improve democratic accountability for the delivery of health care and health improvement outcomes for Central Bedfordshire residents;

The Board will seek to secure a strengthened patient voice through greater patient involvement and will ensure that health and social services are responsive to the needs of the local population;

The Board will maintain an overview of major service redesign impacting on Central Bedfordshire residents and make recommendations to enable improved and integrated care delivery;

The Board will have oversight of the health and care economy in Central Bedfordshire.

2.0 Membership

2.1 Core statutory membership

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 prescribes the core statutory membership of the Board as follows:

The Leader of the Council and/or a Member of the Council nominated by the Leader;
The Council's Director of Adult Social Services;
The Council's Director of Children's Services;
The Council's Director of Public Health;
A representative of the Local Healthwatch organisation for the area;
A representative of each relevant clinical commissioning group.

2.2 Other Members

The Health and Wellbeing Board may appoint such additional persons to be members of the Board as it thinks appropriate.

3.0 Limitation of Powers

Save as provided by statute or in respect of functions specifically reserved to the Council, the Board has full delegated power to exercise the functions listed in section 1.2 above on behalf of the Council.