

LONDON HEALTH BOARD

Terms of reference

The London Health Board is a non-statutory group chaired by the Mayor of London comprising elected leaders and key London professional health leads. It was established in March 2015 and meets three to four times per year.

Purpose

The London Health Board will:

- Drive improvements in London's health, care and health inequalities where political engagement at this level can uniquely make a difference;
- Seek ways of giving additional impetus to progress the ambition to make London the healthiest global city;
- Make the case for investment, power and freedoms to enable the improvement of health and care services and the wider determinants of health in London;
- Consider ways of supporting and accelerating the transformation of health and care services in the capital;
- Champion public participation in health and an increase in choice and accountability in health and care services;
- Focus on making the NHS estate work to support health and care transformation and wider public goals;
- Work to improve accessibility of health and care services for Londoners; and provide challenge on the quality and accessibility of primary care.

It will be guided by the principles set out in the London Health and Social Care Devolution Memorandum of Understanding (November 2017) and the London Health and Care Vision and provide oversight to the work of the London Estates and Infrastructure Board and the Health Equity Group.

Membership

Mayor of London (Chair)
Mayoral Health Advisor (Deputy Chair)
Local Authority Leaders (5) To include Executive lead for Health and Social Care and Thrive LDN local political lead
London Region Director, NHS England
London Region Director, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities

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Medical Director, London Region, NHS England
ICS Chair (2)
Chief Medical Officer, ICS
Deputy Mayor for Children and Young Londoners

The Mayor may appoint other Members over time as he considers will best further the Board's purpose. The terms of Members' appointments will be set out in writing to them at the time of their appointment.

Resources

- The Board is funded by its partners (London Councils, NHS England (London), London's Integrated Care Systems, Office for Health Improvement and Disparities and the Greater London Authority).
- The Board will be supported by a small secretariat located at the GLA.

Meetings of the Board shall be called by the Mayor of London. The quorum for a meeting of the Board is half the total number of Board Members (rounded up to the next whole number), as long as those present include either the Chair or Deputy Chair and a London Councils representative. A Board Member may be counted in the quorum if they are able to participate in the proceedings of the meeting by remote means e.g. telephone or video link (or equivalent) and remain so available throughout the discussion and decision for each item for which they are counted as part of the quorum.

Recommendations and views expressed by the Board will be agreed by consensus (with no requirement for voting). Where a Board Member wishes, their dissent or objection can be recorded in the minutes of the relevant meeting.

The Mayor is committed to openness in his administration and is committed to making the work of this Board transparent. Agendas and reports (where possible) for the Board will be published in advance of meetings; reports will be released with the agenda except in those cases where officers reasonably consider that information contained in the reports may be exempt from disclosure under an applicable exemption under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) on the basis that the public interest is against disclosure. Summary minutes of the meetings of the Board will be published as soon as practicable following each meeting. The meetings themselves will not be open for the public to attend, but will be webcast live, and a webcast record of the meeting maintained on the GLA's website for 6 months following the meeting.

When undertaking work on behalf of the Board, Members are required to agree to comply with guidance provided by the GLA's Monitoring Officer, to register & declare all relevant interests and to seek advice from the GLA's Monitoring Officer on any issue where a conflict of interest is or may be arising.