

# Health and Wellbeing in Telford and Wrekin

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**Councillor Richard Overton**  
Deputy Leader (Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board)

“Since our last Newsletter the Board has launched its “Health and Wellbeing Strategy”. We have met with Providers and with Stakeholders.

As a result we are now focused on delivering our priorities.

We have exciting times ahead. The board becomes a formal committee of the council on the 1 April 2013.

Thank you to LINK for all their hard work welcome to Healthwatch we look forward to working with you.”

## What is happening?

On 1 April 2013 Telford & Wrekin Council takes responsibility for Public Health and the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) becomes a committee of the local authority. These are part of the most significant changes to the health and care services since the National Health Service was formed. We give a warm welcome to the Public Health team led by Dr Catherine Woodward.

Working with our partners at the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and the newly formed Healthwatch we plan to improve the health and wellbeing of local people and to reduce health inequalities.

Healthwatch will provide people with a voice on the delivery and quality of health and social care services.

### Stakeholder Event

Our second stakeholder engagement event was held on 30 January 2013. The agenda reflected the progress made on those areas that were discussed at the first event in July 2012 and launched the HWB Strategy, its priorities and principles.

A total of 102 people attended the event. Workshops were held to inform attendees about the work being carried out around each of the priorities, including an update on each priority from the Lead Officer.

Stakeholders were given the opportunity to choose two priority areas, to work with the Priority Leads and Board Member Sponsors during the event.

Feedback about the event was very positive **“..very encouraging to see the progress from the meeting in July, and particularly an increase in the variety of people in attendance.”**

Further information about the event can be found on the website [www.telford.gov/hwb](http://www.telford.gov/hwb)

# Clinical Commissioning Group



Dr Mike Innes, Chair of CCG  
and Vice Chair of HWB

In January 2013 the Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) received authorisation from the National Commissioning Board. It is now a statutory NHS organisation.

The National Commissioning Board commended Telford and Wrekin CCG on their strong clinical engagement in particular the GP Forum. They also recognised their commitment to partnership working and highlighted the “strength and depth in their arrangements for engagement with patients, carers and communities”.

The Telford and Wrekin CCG and Telford & Wrekin Council through the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) will work together to jointly improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Telford and Wrekin.

## Focus on PODS

### **HWB Priority: Support People with Autism**

Parents Opening Doors (PODS) is a parent led forum involving parents and carers of children with a disability or additional need. They provide support for 340 families throughout Telford and Wrekin on a very limited budget from the Department of Education.

Jayne Stevens is the PODS co-ordinator she is also the mum of a 12 year old son who is diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum. She works alongside other committee members to include parent/carers to ensure their voices are heard and to provide them with relevant information, attending events like the Health and Wellbeing Stakeholder Event and meeting with members from the local authority and health services.

Jayne feels that improvements are necessary to local autism services and hopes they will be addressed via the new Autism Strategy (to be launched in April 2013), which will include improved pathways and timings and the review of CAMHS (Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services), which Jayne has personal experience of. She believes that communication is the key

and organisations like PODS are vital to tell local authorities and health services where services are working and what needs improving.

PODS aims to produce a “Passport for Life”, a document that can be used across all services, with information showing key factors relating to life and conditions.

They have also applied for funding for F2F - which will provide much needed emotional support for parents and carers’.

Telford and Wrekin Health and Wellbeing Board supports World Autism Awareness Day on Tuesday 2 April.

**PODS have a website [www.podstelford.org](http://www.podstelford.org) a Facebook page or you can tweet them on [#PODSTelford](https://twitter.com/PODSTelford). Email [info@podstelford.org](mailto:info@podstelford.org) or telephone 0777 534 2092/07824 631297**



Jayne Stevens  
PODS co-ordinator

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**The new Telford Loyalty Card goes live on 1 April 2013. It replaces the old Flex card and will be delivered free to every household via "Your Voice"**

The card gives you up to 25% off at any council leisure facility – swimming; golf; gym; skating; skiing; fitness classes and children's activities.

The aim is to help more people to become active and

use the council's leisure facilities. As well as providing discounts at nearly 70 businesses.

**For more information contact First Point on 01952 380000.**

## Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin

Following a competitive tender process in Telford and Wrekin, Parkwood Healthcare has been awarded the contract to develop a local Healthwatch to operate from April 1 2013.

**Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin** will be the new consumer champion, created to gather and represent the views of patients, service users, carers and the public about local health and social care services.

**Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin will:-**

- **Contribute to the strategies to address health and social care needs across the borough**
- **Use the voice of patient/service user and the public to ensure a greater influence on making changes**
- **Ensure health and social care services work closely with the community**
- **Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin has a seat on the HWB to so the needs of people are taken into account by organisations that provide health and social care services**

**Contact Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin on 01952 384990**

### Dates for your diary 2013

- **HWB Meetings:**  
(Check [www.telford.gov.uk/hwb](http://www.telford.gov.uk/hwb) for venue)
- **15 May 2013**
- **17 July 2013**
- **18 September 2013**
- **13 November 2013**
- **Stakeholder Engagement Event September 2013**

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