


29 July 2025

Subject:	Vice- Chair and Work Programme of the Health and Wellbeing Board
Presenting Officer and Organisation	John Swann Democratic Services Officer
	
Purpose of Report	Decision

1. Recommendation

- 1.1 That the Board approves the appointment of Dr Sommiya Aslam as Vice-Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board
- 1.2 To approve the Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme 2025/ 26.

2. Links to Workstreams Set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Healthy Communities	An effective leadership structure supports all of the Board's priorities. A strong and effective work programme underpins the work and approach of the Health and Wellbeing Board and is aligned to all priorities. It is good practice for work programmes to remain fluid, to allow for consideration of new and emerging issues in a timely manner.
Primary Care	
Integrated Town Teams	
Intermediate Care	
Care Navigation	

3. Context and Key Issues

- 3.1 The Vice- Chair is required to be appointed by the Board from amongst its membership as stipulated by the Health and Wellbeing Board's Constitution.

- 3.2 The post holder provides leadership and direction to the Board and ensures that the Board carries out the functions set out in the Constitution.
- 3.3 In addition, the Vice- Chair is required to assist the Chair to manage and guide the Board's work, and to deputise for the Chair as required.
- 3.4 Dr Sommiya Aslam, who holds the role of Local Commissioning Clinical Lead at the Black Country Integrated Care Board has been proposed for the role. Members are now requested to consider and approve the appointment.
- 3.5 On 15 July 2025 Board Members attended a Health and Wellbeing Board workshop and gave consideration to the work programme for the 2025/ 26 municipal year
- 3.6 All local authorities with adult social care and public health responsibilities are required to have a Health and Wellbeing Board by statute.
- 3.7 Health and Wellbeing Boards were established under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to act as a forum in which key leaders from the local health and care system can work together to improve the health and wellbeing of their local population.

4. Engagement

It is not necessary to carry out public engagement.

5. Implications

Resources:	Members of the Board, including the Vice- Chair are expected to commit sufficient resources in terms of attendance at Board meetings and training events, and to participate in discussions and decision making on a regular basis.
Legal and Governance:	The Health and Wellbeing Board is a formal statutory committee of the local authority, established under Section 194 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The Board is to be treated as if it were a committee appointed by the local authority under section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972. (Section 194(11)).
Risk:	There are no direct implications arising from this report, however, the Board considers such implications on all
Equality:	

Health and Wellbeing:	matters that it considers, with health and wellbeing being a key consideration of course.
Social Value:	
Climate Change:	
Corporate Parenting:	

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme 2025/ 26.

7. Background Papers

Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board Constitution.