Developing transformational Health and Wellbeing Boards in London

Briefing note for 2012/13 funding bids to support priority development areas

Introduction

There has been very positive progress with the development of Health and Wellbeing Boards across London, particularly around the structures that will support boards and relationships between board members. Now that the Health and Social Care Bill has received Royal Assent there is a need for HWBs to use this shadow running year to really focus and develop their understanding about their roles, responsibilities and their potential to be the centre of partnership working at a local level.

During 2011/12 the London HWB Partnership Support Programme included £15k development funding for each board and four simulation challenge events. From these HWBs across London have developed action plans to address their individual developmental requirements.

For 2012/13 the London programme has £120,000 available to support 10 boroughs who are interested in developing new and innovative models of working and pushing the boundaries to support collaborative leadership and partnership working at a local and/or multi borough basis.

Funding Offer

HWBs are invited to bid for funds that can directly support a practical intervention to address one of their development needs to establish new ways of working and advances the ways HWBs operate and work with the public and other partners. The offer consists of £12,000 (inclusive of VAT) for up to 10 HWB in London to procure specialist support on one of the following themes:

- Governance
- Joint working between the CCG and LA
- Working above a borough level with other HWBs and organisations
- Engagement, particularly with hard to reach and excluded parts of the community
- Addressing issues of Equalities and Diversity
- Using resources jointly
- Other priority area from HWB development plan identified from the HWB challenge events
This work should enable the HWB to advance their knowledge of the issues and develop agreement about their approach to the area identified and contribute to the knowledge in London and nationally.

This funding has been made available through Leading for Health which is the leadership arm of NHS London. It is keen to support leadership development of HWBs across London, specifically around the development of partnership working between Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and other HWB members.

Process
To access the funding please complete the attached application form and return to strategycommissioning@london.nhs.uk by 5pm Monday 30 April 2012.

The support is limited to 10 boards and will be distributed according to bids that meet the following requirements:

- Provide a practical approach to addressing the identified HWB development need
- Demonstrate it is based on SMART objectives
- Demonstrate Value for money
- Ability to share learning with the system

Successful boards will be contacted via their nominated HWB lead by mid May.

It is expected the work should be completed by end September 2012. To evaluate the outcome and support dissemination of learning, HWBs are asked to provide an update at 3 months and a short report on completion.

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