



**To:** Coventry Health and Well-being Board  
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**Title:** Coventry Children's Joint Commissioning Board – Terms of Reference

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to set out the rationale for the Children's Joint Commissioning Board (CJCB) and seek Health and Well-Being Board endorsement for the revised Terms of Reference for the CJCB in light of the current context of the Board.

### **Background and Context**

The Joint Commissioning Board is one of three boards that oversee Children's Services, the other two being the Improvement Board and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board.

Each board contributes to delivering improved outcomes for children and young people and has specific agendas and Terms of Reference to deliver against.

The Children's Joint Commissioning Board was established in November 2006 to comply with Section 10 of the Children's Act 2004. The Act places a duty on Local Authorities to make arrangements to promote co-operation between agencies in order to improve children's well-being. Local authorities have flexibility to determine how this duty to promote co-operation is managed within local Health and Wellbeing Board arrangements.

In Coventry the CJCB provides the vehicle for this co-operation between agencies. It brings together the organisations responsible for services for children, young people and families in a shared commitment to improving children's lives.

### **Role and remit of CJCB**

In the context of the other boards that oversee Children's Services the CJCB has recently reviewed its Terms of Reference and Membership to ensure this remains suitably focussed on the key strategic issues and areas of greatest significance while not duplicating the work of other boards.

As a result of this review the membership has been broadened to include University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire and Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust who were previously excluded.

In order to enable the CJCB to focus on strategic issues a 'Business Meeting' has been established that deals with operational commissioning matters between the City Council and Clinical Commissioning Group (one such example being the Adoption Medicals). Dealing with operational matters through a business meeting enables the CJCB to focus on more strategic issues.

Some of the key issues considered by the CJCB include:

- Child & Adolescent Mental Health redesign (CAMHS)
- Prevention and Early Help
- Health of looked after children
- The production of a new Children's and Young People Plan from 2015 (current plan covers period 2011-2014)

Feedback on the Childrens Improvement Plan (overseen through Improvement Board) is a standing item to ensure the work of the CJCB compliments and rather than duplicates.

In reviewing its Terms of Reference and membership the CJCB did consider the possibility of a merger with Adults Commissioning Board but considered that due to the differing priorities this should be reviewed again in April 2015.

### **Recommendations**

The Coventry Health and Well-being Board are recommended to:

- Approve the revised Terms of Reference of the Children's Joint Commissioning Board

[Enclosed: Children's Joint Commissioning Board Terms of Reference.]