

Title of report: Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System - Update on the Integrated Care Strategy and NHS Joint Forward Plan

Meeting: Health and wellbeing board

Meeting date: Thursday 27 April 2023

Report by: Democratic Services Officer

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose

For the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) to consider the report at appendix 1 by Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System.

Recommendation

That:

- a) The Health and Wellbeing Board considers the report at Appendix 1.**

Alternative options

1. The HWB could choose not to consider this briefing, however given the importance of the subject matter it is presented to this meeting. This is not recommended as it is a function of the committee to:
 - a. encourage those who arrange the provision of any health or social care services in Herefordshire to work in an integrated manner for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the people of Herefordshire.
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- b. provide such advice, assistance or other support as it thinks appropriate, for the purpose of encouraging the making of prescribed arrangements under S 75 National Health Service Act 2006.
- c. encourage those who arrange for the provision of any health related services in Herefordshire to work closely with the health and wellbeing board, and
- d. encourage the close working of those providing health or social care services with those who arrange for the provision of health related services in Herefordshire.

Key considerations

- 2. In July 2022, the Health and Care Act 2022 was implemented, which legally established Integrated Care Systems, including the formation of Integrated Care Boards. Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board (ICB) subsumed the responsibilities previously held by the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on 1 July 2022 and, from 1 April 2023, the ICB inherited new duties delegated from NHS England for commissioning additional services such as Pharmacy, Optometry, Dentistry and complex treatments (known as specialised services) across physical and mental health services.
- 3. The Act also created Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs). An ICP is a statutory joint committee between the ICB and the Local Authorities responsible for the provision of Public Health and Social Care Functions in the ICS area. Locally this has resulted in a three-way committee between:
 - a) NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board
 - b) Herefordshire Council
 - c) Worcestershire County Council
- 4. In forming the ICP, the three partners agreed to establish a wider Assembly of members to provide a platform for engagement and collaboration on the development of Integrated Care. An **Integrated Care Partnership Assembly** (ICPA) was established to support the ICP by providing input and advice to ICP decisions.

Community impact

- 5. In accordance with the adopted code of corporate governance, the council achieves its intended outcomes by providing a mixture of legal, regulatory and practical interventions. Determining the right mix of these is an important strategic choice to make sure outcomes are achieved. The council needs robust decision-making mechanisms to ensure its outcomes can be achieved in a way that provides the best use of resources whilst still enabling efficient and effective operations and recognises that a culture and structure for scrutiny are key elements for accountable decision making, policy development and review.

Environmental Impact

- 6. There are no general implications for the environment arising from this report.

Equality duty

7. Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the 'general duty' on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to –

- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b) advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
 - c) foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.
8. The public sector equality duty (specific duty) requires us to consider how we can positively contribute to the advancement of equality and good relations, and demonstrate that we are paying 'due regard' in our decision making in the design of policies and in the delivery of services. Our Health providers will be made aware of their contractual requirements in regards to equality legislation.

Resource implications

9. There are no resource implications associated with this report. The resource implications of any recommendations made by the HWB will need to be considered by the responsible body or the executive in response to those recommendations or subsequent decisions.

Legal implications

- 9 Health and wellbeing boards are responsible for encouraging integrated working between health and social care commissioners, including partnership arrangements such as pooled budgets, lead commissioning and integrated provision.
- 10 Their purpose is to establish collaborative decision making, planning and commissioning across councils and the NHS, informed by the views of patients, people who use services and other partners.
- 11 The functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board are set out in paragraph 3.5.24 of the constitution. There are no specific legal implications arising from the proposed Terms of Reference.

Risk management

- 12 There are no risk implications identified emerging from the recommendation in this report.

Consultees

None

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System - Update on the Integrated Care Strategy and NHS Joint Forward Plan

Background papers

None identified.