

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD



TO:	Health and Wellbeing Board
FROM:	Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board
DATE:	7 th March 2023

SUBJECT: Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board – Development of a Joint Forward Plan for 2023-2028

1. PURPOSE

This paper provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an overview of the emerging Joint Forward Plan for the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

The Health and Wellbeing is recommended to:

- a) Consider the key themes highlighted within the emerging Joint Forward Plan for Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Board, offering their reflections on the content and particularly on whether they feel that the key themes take proper account of the health and wellbeing strategy
- b) Note that a *draft* version of the Joint Forward Plan will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board after sign off by the ICB at the end of March 2023
- c) Note that a *final* version of the Joint Forward Plan will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to its sign off by the ICB the end of June 2023

3. BACKGROUND

The Health and Care Act 2022 established new NHS bodies in the form of Integrated Care Boards (ICBs), that take on functions previously delivered by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and required the creation of Integrated Care Partnerships in each local system area, with a view to empower local health and care leaders to join up planning and provision of services, both within the NHS and with local authorities, and help deliver more person-centred and preventative care.

Before the start of each financial year, the ICB, with its partner NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts, must prepare a 5-year joint forward plan (JFP), to be refreshed each year.

The Act did not change the statutory duties of Health and Wellbeing Boards, as such - similar to the previous relationship with CCGs, the Integrated Care Board must involve the Health and Wellbeing Board in the exercising of its statutory functions as below:

- Joint forward plans must set out the steps that the ICB proposes to take to implement the health and wellbeing strategy.
- The Health and Wellbeing Board must be involved in the preparation or revision of the JFP.

- In particular, the Health and Wellbeing Board must be provided with a draft of the JFP, and the Integrated Care Board must consult with the Health and Wellbeing Board on whether the draft takes proper account of the health and wellbeing strategy.
- Following consultation, the Health and Wellbeing Board has the right to respond to the ICB and may give its opinion to NHS England.
- The forward plan must include a statement from the Health and Wellbeing Board as to whether the health and wellbeing strategy has been taken proper account of.

4. RATIONALE

This new approach provides an opportunity to strengthen the Board's influence in prioritising prevention of ill health and ensuring provision of high-quality community services; promoting integrated funding/commissioning to ensure best value and deliver improved outcomes.

5. KEY ISSUES

ICBs are encouraged to use the JFP development process to produce a shared delivery plan for the integrated care strategy (developed by the ICP) and the JLHWS (developed by local authorities through HWBs) that is supported by the whole system, including local authorities and voluntary, community and social enterprise partners.

As a minimum, the JFP should describe how the ICB and its partner trusts intend to arrange and/or provide NHS services to meet their population's physical and mental health needs. This should include the delivery of universal NHS commitments (for the purposes of this guidance, universal NHS commitments are those described in the annual NHS priorities and operational planning guidance and NHS Long Term Plan); address the Integrated Care Systems' four core purposes and meet legal requirements (this includes the National Health Service Act 2006 and the requirements of the Public Sector Equality Duty, section 149 of the Equality Act 2010).

The following principles describing the JFP's nature and function, these have been co-developed nationally with ICBs, trusts and national organisations representing local authorities and other system partners.

- **Principle 1:** Fully aligned with the wider system partnership's ambitions.
- **Principle 2:** Supporting subsidiarity by building on existing local strategies and plans as well as reflecting the universal NHS commitments.
- **Principle 3:** Delivery focused, including specific objectives, trajectories and milestones as appropriate.

JFPs should build on and reflect existing JSNAs, JLHWSs and NHS delivery plans, along with previous local patient and public engagement, as such it is not anticipated that their development will require full formal public consultation, unless a significant reconfiguration or major service change is proposed, which is not the case for Lancashire and South Cumbria at this time.

ICBs and their partner acute trusts have a duty to prepare a first Joint Forward Plan before the start of each financial year. For this first year, however, NHS England has specified that the date for publishing and sharing the final plan with NHS England, their integrated care partnerships (ICPs) and Health and Well-being Boards (HWBs), is 30 June 2023 rather than 1st April.

As 2022/23 is a transition year for ICBs, national guidance anticipates that the breadth and depth of the initial Joint Forward Plan will be constrained, with an expectation that a more comprehensive plan will be developed for 2024/25 onwards

The Lancashire and South Cumbria ICB is intending to produce a draft version of the plan by 31 March for consultation - further iterations may continue after this prior to the plan being finalised in time for publication and sharing by 30 June.

An overview of the emerging themes of the Joint Forward Plan will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in the course of their meeting on 7 March 2023.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

It is intended that the Joint Forward Plan should be informed by the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of the Health and Wellbeing Board. In considering the emerging draft Joint Forward Plan the Blackburn with Darwen Health and Wellbeing Board should consider whether it shows consideration and alignment to existing Blackburn with Darwen policies and strategies.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

These are covered in the main body of this report. There are no other legal implications resulting from this report.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct resource implications resulting from this report, however, the priorities outlined within in the emerging Joint Forward Plan are intended to inform the delivery plans of all the health and care organisations in Lancashire and South Cumbria and will particularly require resource considerations to be to discussed within the Blackburn with Darwen Place-based Partnership.

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision.

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision.

10. CONSULTATIONS

All Health and Wellbeing Boards and health and care partner organisations in Lancashire and South Cumbria will be engaged as part of the development of the Integrated Care Board's Joint Forward Plan. The outline of emerging themes of the JFP represents the starting point of this engagement with partners.

There is no requirement on the ICB to conduct formal public consultations as part of its JFP development process, however previous public engagement themes are being considered to support the development.

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