

Health & Wellbeing Board

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Report from Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care System

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Consideration: **Information** **Discussion**
 Decision **Endorsement**

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Start Well	Live Well	Age Well
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improving outcomes during maternity and early years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reducing the rates of cardiovascular disease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improving places and helping communities to support healthy ageing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improving mental health support for children and young people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improving mental health support for adults particularly for those at greater risk of poor mental health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improving mental health support for older people and reducing feelings of social isolation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reducing the prevalence of obesity in children and young people	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reducing the prevalence of obesity in adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increasing the physical activity of older people

Purpose of the Report

The report provides an update on strategic items in Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes (BLMK) Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the BLMK Health and Care Partnership. Councillor Angela MacPherson is a member of the BLMK Health and Care Partnership (the ICP in BLMK).

Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to **note** the report.

Start Well

Live Well

Age Well

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to **authorise** the Chair of the HWBB to offer an opinion on any significant amendments to the Joint Forward Plan if it is not possible to bring any amendments to a formal meeting for consideration due to timing issues.

Content of report

The following summarises items of interest that have been considered by the Board of the ICB which met on 8 December 2023.

Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board

The Board of the ICB met on 8 December 2023 and a summary from the meeting is given below.

Resident's Story – Importance of a Personalised Approach

Members watched a video from Roxy, a resident from Milton Keynes who attended the Board meeting in March to share how back pain has affected her life. She returned to the Board to provide an update on her condition and how her insight is shaping service delivery. The ICB's Chief Nurse, Sarah Stanley, explained how the ICB has worked with Roxy to inform how personalised care and treating the person, rather than the symptom, provides a more positive outcome and experience. These lessons are being factored into the procurement process for musculoskeletal (MSK) services across BLMK.

Joint Forward Plan (JFP)

The ICB is required to publish a revised JFP by 31 March 2024. The ICB does not anticipate any significant changes will be needed as the Plan was only agreed with partners in June 2023. As part of the annual NHS planning process for 2024/25, work is also underway with colleagues from local NHS trusts to prepare NHS financial, workforce and activity plans for next year. A two year financial settlement was made in the 2023/24 planning year and the financial position is challenged. Our commissioning plans, and plans to invest in or transform services, may need to change to respond to the challenged financial environment.

We will reflect the outcome of our 2024/25 planning as appropriate in an updated Joint Forward Plan (JFP); Should the ICB consider that any significant changes to the Joint Forward Plan are necessary, we will seek the Health and Wellbeing Board's opinion on whether the Plan continues to take proper account of the local Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Depending on timing, this may need to be outside formal HWBB meetings.

The Board is asked to note the proposed approach to the annual review of the Joint Forward Plan (JFP) as described above and authorise the Chair of the HWBB to offer an opinion on any significant amendments to the JFP if it is not possible to bring any amendments to a formal meeting for consideration due to timing issues.

System response to the Denny Review of Health Inequalities

Following publication of the Denny Review in September, the Board was asked to agree a system wide response to the Denny Review, which included nine key recommendations. Members welcomed the report, agreed to formally thank Reverend Lloyd Denny for the review, and confirmed their commitment to supporting a generational change in BLMK.

They approved all nine recommendations, including the appointment of Lorraine Sunduza, Chief Executive of East London Foundation Trust (ELFT), as the Board level Champion for this work. It was noted that all partners have agreed to consider the application of the Review's recommendations to their own organisations and to participate in system-wide improvement activity accordingly.

The Board supported the decision to explore the development of a system wide translation service, commit to an annual update for three years and to hold a board seminar event in spring 2024.

Delivering integrated Primary Care in BLMK (including NHSE Delivery Plan for Recovering Access to Primary Care)

The Board received a progress report on the development of integrated neighbourhood working in BLMK, based on the principles in the Fuller Report and provided assurance on the ICB's response to the NHS England primary care access recovery plan. Board members commented that further consideration needed to be given to communications with the public about how primary care was changing. Feedback from the Board suggested that a faster pace for some elements of the programme would be beneficial as well as clarification on how the outcomes will be measured and clarity on how partners can be involved in this important work.

Carnall Farrar Review of the Development of Health and Care Integration in Milton Keynes (MK)

Michael Bracey, Chief Executive, Milton Keynes City Council, introduced the report in which there was positive recognition for the partnership working in MK and some suggestions for improvement to the MK Deal, such as more extensive use of population health data, needing longer-term security around funding, the need to consider the long-term vision for MK health and care integration and to build resilience into the team.

The Board approved the next steps to develop a framework by June 2024 which sets out how greater responsibility for resources and decision making will be made available to place based partnerships as they mature.

The Provider Selection Regime (PSR)

The Board received an update on a new statutory responsibility that is expected to come into force on 1 January 2024. The PSR will be a set of new rules for procuring health care services in England by health organisations and local authorities. The introduction of the PSR requires the ICB and all partner organisations within scope to review procurement, contracting, commissioning and governance processes, both current and future, to ensure these are in line with the requirements of the Regime. The ICB and its partners also need to ensure that where joint commissioning or collaborative

arrangements are in place, all partners are clear on responsibilities and accountabilities, and decision-making is transparent and consistent.

Financial and operational updates and system assurance

Members received formal updates from quality and performance and finance and investment committees as well as reviewing system risks and the Board Assurance Framework. They also discussed the reports from the place-based partnerships in all four boroughs.

The Board approved the request to extend the contract for the ICB business intelligence support services with Arden GEM for a further one year (and possible additional year). The Board also noted the update on the work undertaken by the HR team on the Workforce Race Equality Standard and the Corporate Governance Update and reports from other Committees.

Early Years Seminar

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Health and Care Partnership (HCP) held its second strategic seminar on Early Years on 24 November 2023 in Milton Keynes. Nearly 70 delegates attended the event including representatives from Parent Carer Fora, Council elected members and officers, early years schools and SEND professionals, public health, NHS organisations and the ICB.

Michael Bracey, Chief Executive of Milton Keynes City Council, and Matthew Winn, Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire Community services were the executive sponsors for the seminar and were keynote speakers at the event. Michael reflected that it had been 20 years since the publication of Every Child Matters which set out a clear and ambitious policy framework for putting children and families at the centre of our work, but he challenged on what has really changed in that time, except demand for services have increased Matthew stressed the importance developing a holistic view of the child in the context of their family, community and wider support network, emphasizing the need to move from a service-led to a needs-led approach. At present many children wait for specialist services when earlier assessment of needs and bespoke support from multi-disciplinary teams could meet needs quicker and more locally.

At the seminar, there were two interactive sessions based in the four places of Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes. The groups were chaired and facilitated with the aim of agreeing a high-level action plan for each place to be agreed at Place Board level. The two questions the workshop groups focused on were:

- In identifying gaps in existing pathways and when considering the needs of our local children and families – what do we need to change?
- How do we achieve our ambition, agree the right strategic outcomes and what actions should we take in the short, medium and long term.

The summary of the Place based group discussions will be reported to the Milton Keynes Health and Care Partnership to consider what actions will be taken to address the local challenges.