

BUCKS HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SELECT COMMITTEE,

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The NHS Long Term Plan

A 10 year plan published in Jan 19. Key areas of focus are prevention, population health, improving clinical outcomes and reducing health inequalities. There is a deadline of 6 months to implement a plan to deliver this in particular the engagement with communities and stakeholders. The Integrated Care System will be used as the platform for this. Mental health, cancer, cardiovascular diseases and maternity provisions are to be the key foci. The funding formula to aid delivery is based on health inequalities and therefore Bucks gets very little. An aspiration is to roll our urgent care centres across the County not exact locations are not available. It is not clear how this is going to work in the south of the county, in particular the co-ordination with Wexham Park/Frimley.

Primary Care Networks

In the integrated care system being put in groups of GP practices with similar geographies and population health needs are being developed to create multidisciplinary teams. GP practices started to consider working as Locality Networks. The publication of the NHS Long Term Plan means that Primary Care Networks (PCNs) will replace these Locality Networks. PCNs will put general practice at the heart of community.

The new GP contract has been published which is a 5 year framework to support the long-term plan and highlights the development of PCNs. The new contracts are not obligatory but DH are assuming 100% sign up! It provides for extra funding to deliver the new community models of care.

The PCNs will typically be around 30,000 to 50,000 patients and based together geographically. This size is based on evidence gathered by NHSE and is thought to be the correct size for group working. It will help relationships to be developed to support the transformation and integration needed to make community services sustainable.

Other services to be included in the networks include pharmacies, social prescribers for community provision, physiotherapists and community paramedics. It is envisaged that there will be a strong patient and community input with community connector roles being appointed.

Adult Social Care Transformation

Phase 1 of the ASC Transformation Plan focusses on “Living Independently” and has a number of work streams identified to deliver this including Early Help and

Prevention. A wide range of partners have been identified including the fire authority and ambulance service.

The current priority has been identified as social isolation and an early help social care team has therefore been set up. It is expected that there will be community capacity to assist with this such as local community organisations and street associations. A community hub pilot is soon to be rolled out and there will be one located in Iver.

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