

Health & Wellbeing Board

Buckinghamshire

Report from Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care System

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Consideration: Information Discussion
 Decision Endorsement

Please indicate to which priority in the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy, [Happier, Healthier Lives Strategy \(2022-2025\)](#) your report links to.

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

1. Purpose of report

1.1. 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, of which Councillor Angela Macpherson is a member.

Start Well

Live Well

Age Well

2. Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board

2.1 Note that the BLMK Health and Care Strategy has been agreed and published.

2.2 Note that the Chair of the Buckinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board reported on the Buckinghamshire priorities as described at the meeting of the BLMK Health and Care Partnership on 7 March and provided an update on the discussions at the Buckinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board discussions on 15 December 2023.

2.3 Note that the BLMK ICB will be writing to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board to seek feedback on its annual report.

2.4 Note the updates provided on the key items of business considered by the BLMK Health and Care Partnership and Integrated Care Board meetings between November 2022 and March 2023 as listed at Appendix A

3. Content of report

A. BLMK Health and Care Strategy ([found here](#)) & Next Steps in Planning

3.1. The Health and Care Act 2022 requires each of the 42 Health and Care Partnerships to produce a strategy and for the ICB and local authorities who are members of the Partnership to have 'regard to' the strategy in discharging their functions.

3.2. The BLMK Health and Care Strategy was agreed by the BLMK Health and Care Partnership in December 2022. It highlighted the difference in life expectancy and healthy outcomes in deprived areas compared to more affluent areas and how health and wellbeing can be affected by more than one inequality. The Partnership was particularly concerned about how the cost-of-living crisis would widen health inequalities and have a significant impact on the health of local people.

3.3. The strategy:

- reflects the 5 strategic priorities (Start Well, Live Well, Age Well, Growth and Tackling Inequalities)
- is committed to subsidiarity (to Place), with a focus on planning, decision-making and delivery as close to the resident as possible
- emphasises the need to further use our partnerships to support residents to live longer, healthier lives, and the central role of VCSE in achieving this; and,
- speaks to real examples that make a difference to local people

B. BLMK (NHS) Operational Plan 2023-2024 and BLMK Five Year Joint Forward Plan 2023-2028

3.4. The Health and Care Act requires the BLMK ICB to produce an Operational Plan (due end March 23) and a Five Year Joint Forward Plan (due end June 23).

- 3.5. The Operational Plan is for 2023/24 and requires ICBs to describe how the local NHS will deliver against mandated NHSE operating plan requirements, including agreement of the BLMK NHS system budget. This plan takes account of local priorities and will be reported to the Board of the ICB on 24 March 2023.
- 3.6. ICBs and their partner trusts must involve relevant Health and Wellbeing Boards in preparing or revising the Joint Forward Plans (JFP). This includes sharing a draft with each relevant Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) consulting as to whether the JFP takes proper account of each relevant local health and wellbeing strategy.
- 3.7. As JFPs will build on existing Joint Strategic Needs Assessments, Health and Wellbeing Strategies and NHS delivery plans, we do not currently anticipate their development will require full formal public consultation.
- 3.8. The Chair of the Buckinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board, Councillor Angela Macpherson, was invited to present Buckinghamshire priorities to the BLMK Health and Care Partnership meeting on 7 March and this will contribute to the development of the JFP for BLMK. BLMK ICB will co-ordinate public engagement on the JFP prior to its anticipated sign off by the Board of the ICB on 30th June 2023.

Recommendation to:

Note that the BLMK Health and Care Strategy has been agreed and published.

Note that the Chair of the Buckinghamshire Council reported on the Buckinghamshire priorities as described at the meeting of the BLMK Health and Care Partnership on 7 March and provided an update on the discussions at the Buckinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board discussions on 15 December 2023.

C. ICB Annual Report

- 3.9. ICBs are statutorily required to produce an Annual Report at the end of each year. (In this case the reporting period is July 2022 to end March 2023). As part of the production of that report an ICB must reflect on its contribution to the delivery of relevant local Health and Wellbeing Strategies. In doing so, the ICB must engage with each local Health and Wellbeing Board to seek feedback. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note that the ICB will soon be writing to the Chair for comment. The Annual Report will be published later in 2023.

Recommendation:

Note the arrangements for the Health and Wellbeing Board to comment on the ICB's first annual report.

4. Next steps and review

- 4.1. An update report from BLMK ICB and Health and Care Partnership will be provided to each Health and Wellbeing Board.

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5. Background papers

The papers to the meetings referred to in the report are enclosed at Appendix A.

Appendix A – Summary of BLMK Health and Care Partnership and BLMK Integrated Care Board Business November 2022 - January 2023

1. Health and Care Partnership – 14 December 2022

[Health-and-Care-Partnership-7-March-2023-combined.pdf \(blmkhealthandcarepartnership.org\)](#)

Agenda items:

- **Health and Care Strategy** – JSNA noted, and strategy agreed
- **Fuller Neighbourhoods** – briefing provided on the findings of a review undertaken by Dr Claire Fuller of integrated primary care, looking at what is working well, why it's working well and how we can accelerate the implementation of integrated primary care across systems.

2. Health and Care Partnership 7 March 2023, 5-8pm in Milton Keynes,

- **Joint forward plan** - The plan for the development of the joint forward plan was agreed.
- **Workforce** pressures has been highlighted in a number of reports and an update will be provided at the next meeting on what the system is doing to retain and recruit staff.
- **Place plans, Health and Wellbeing Board updates and Health and Wellbeing Board guidance** –Place plans and the local priorities were presented and key areas of discussion from the Health and Wellbeing Board meetings.
Health and Wellbeing Board guidance that was published in November 2022 and the requirements it on the Health and Wellbeing Boards, ICBs and ICPs was noted. [Health and wellbeing boards – guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- **Delegation of Dentistry, Optometry & Community Pharmacy** – an update on the delegation of responsibility from 1 April 2023 to the ICB of dentistry, optometry and community pharmacy was provided. It was noted that 2023/24 would be a transitional year and provides an opportunity to build relationships with contractors. It was reported that there are significant challenges with the national contracts and partners supported the lobbying for change in contracts to enable more local flexibility. Access to NHS dentists was a real concern for residents and coupled with community pharmacy closures, increases the workload for GPs.
- **Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism collaboration** – information was shared on the progress that had been made in provision of mental health services since the Mental Health Five Year Forward view was published in 2016 and the investment through the Mental Health Investment Standard. There was an opportunity to have greater collaboration for people with mental health, learning disabilities and autism and the ICB Board had agreed the development of this collaborative. The report contained an update on feedback from engagement that has taken place and what areas of focus service users are identifying.
- **Community Engagement** – a presentation was given on the new approach of pooling partner resources to avoid engagement duplication, agreeing co-production principles and highlighted areas of work e.g., the Denny review.

3. Board of the BLMK ICB – 25 November 2022 and 27 January 2023 –

[25.11.22-Board-of-the-ICB-in-PUBLIC-Meeting-Pack.pdf](#)

<https://bedfordshirelutonandmiltonkeynes.icb.nhs.uk/our-publications/board/board-in-public-27-1-2023/?layout=default>

Agenda Items:

- **Working with People & Communities Strategy** - approved
- **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector** - approved
- **Developing a BLMK Mental Health, Learning Disability & Autism Collaborative** - A proposal to develop a BLMK Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism Provider Collaborative was supported. The vision, which we will seek to further develop with input from service users, patients and system partners, puts patient and service user voice and a focus on place at its heart, refocusing our efforts on addressing inequalities and unwarranted variation, and working at scale where it makes sense to do so.
- **Resident's story** – about the challenges and barriers faced by a transgender resident accessing health services. The story emphasised the importance of raising awareness and sensitivity training which is being supported by the ICB.
- **Luton Airport – Development Consent Order** – supported the proposed development of Luton Airport on the basis on the mitigating actions being taken and the economic benefits of the scheme and the positive impact this would have on BLMK residents.
- **People Strategy** - agreed
- **Inequalities** - update on delivery of the inequalities including how £3.5M had been invested in BLMK.
- **Green Plan Health Impact Assessment** – as described in the main report
- **Delegation of Pharmacy, Optometry, Dental (POD) Commissioning and Specialised Commissioning to the ICB** – progress report with the risks and opportunities associated with the transfer of commissioning responsibility to the ICB. POD is expected to be delegated from April 2023 and Specialised Commissioning from April 2024. A decision on the delegation of POD will be taken at the next Board meeting.
- An update on the **Community Diagnostics Centres** was given. Positive progress for the MK and Bedford sites with more work to do on the proposal for Luton.