

Health & Wellbeing Board

Buckinghamshire

Report from Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care System

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

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| <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.

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2. Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board

- 2.1 Note** that the BLMK NHS Operational plan 2023/24 was submitted to NHS England at the end of March 2023 and finalised in May 2023.
- 2.2 Review** the draft BLMK Joint Forward Plan and confirm that Buckinghamshire Council Health and Wellbeing Strategy has been taken proper account of in the BLMK Joint Forward Plan.
- 2.3 Note** the updates provided on the key items of business considered by the BLMK Integrated Care Board meeting on 24 March 2023 as listed at Appendix A. (The report from the Health and Care Partnership on 7 March was presented to the last meeting)

3. Content of report

3.1 BLMK (NHS) Operational Plan 2023-2024

The Health and Care Act requires the BLMK ICB to produce an Operational Plan (draft submitted to NHS England at the end March 2023, final version submitted in May 2023).

The Operational Plan for 2023/24 describes 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 which were reported to the Board of the ICB on 24 March 2023. A financially balanced plan has been submitted to NHS England, delivery of this plan is dependent on the delivery of efficiency and effectiveness schemes across the system during the current year.

3.2 BLMK Joint Forward Plan

The Health and Care Act 2022 requires the BLMK ICB and its partner NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts to produce a Joint Forward Plan covering a minimum of five years (final version due to be agreed by the Board of the ICB on 30 June 2023).

The Joint Forward Plan (JFP) is required to set out a framework for how the ICB and partners intend to arrange and/or provide services to meet our population's physical and mental health needs. This will include narrative on the universal NHS commitments and address the four core purposes and statutory duties of an ICS to:

- Improve outcomes in population health and healthcare
- Tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access
- Enhance productivity and value for money
- Help the NHS support broader social economic development

The Board of the ICB agreed that the BLMK JFP, which at this stage is a 'plan for a plan' will extend from 2023 to 2040 to address:

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1. the expected and sustained expansion of our population to 2040 and beyond.
2. multi-agency very complex issues which are best resolved through partnership delivery to improve health outcomes, tackle inequalities in local communities whilst ensuring optimal use of public money to deliver services.
3. wider determinants of health and well-being to maximise prevention and supporting communities to thrive.

The extended timeframe of the BLMK JFP will enable all partners of the BLMK ICS to develop longer-term plans in collaboration to best deliver the ICS' statutory duties in the local context of sustained population growth over this period. The first iteration of the detailed Joint Forward Plan is expected to be signed-off by March 2024, and local residents and Health and Wellbeing Boards will have an opportunity to shape this more detailed plan and the place-specific elements within it from the summer onwards.

The Plan has been developed based on prior engagement with the public and partners will be agreed and published in June 2023 following further engagement with Health and Wellbeing Boards, NHS Trust Boards and VCSE groups. As the JFP focuses on longer-term delivery of existing plans, the plan will not require full formal public consultation.

The current working draft JFP is available on the ICB Website [here](#). The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to discuss and comment on the draft Joint Forward Plan. Any comments will be reported to the Board of the ICB for consideration prior to approval of the plan and submission to NHSE by 30 June 2023.

The Council's health and wellbeing strategy is reflected within the BLMK Health and Care Strategy which the Joint Forward Plan has been developed in response to. Therefore the Health and Wellbeing Board can confirm, as required by the guidance [Health and wellbeing boards – guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) that the Joint Forward Plan 'takes proper account' of the Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

4. Background papers

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

Appendix A – Summary of BLMK Integrated Care Board Business March 2023

1. Board of the BLMK ICB – 24 March 2023

- **Resident’s Story** – the Board heard from a Milton Keynes resident about their journey to address back pain and the difficulties she faced in gaining appropriate diagnosis and support. There were numerous opportunities cited where the patient was not listened to and where their care was compartmentalised and not joined-up.
- **Integrated musculoskeletal (MSK) and pain service** – the approach to tendering for MSK services across BLMK was supported including the development of place-based services. Reference was made to the resident’s story and how the proposed approach will aim to address the issues raised.
Note: since this meeting it has been decided to extend the contract with current providers for one year to allow further market engagement, a robust competitive procurement and additional time to continue to engage with patients and residents.
- **Fuller programme** – the Board reflected on the useful Board seminar session held on 24 February 2023 with Claire Fuller and committed to support the development of integrated neighbourhood teams.
- **Core20PLUS5 - for Children and Young People** – the Board agreed to adopt a targeted approach to adapting the Core20Plus5 approach to tackling health inequalities in relation to children and young people. The focus of Core20PLUS5 is on five key areas: asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, oral health and mental health.
- **Delegation of Community Pharmacy, Optometry and Dentistry (POD)** – the Board formally approved the transition of the management of these contracts from NHS England to the ICB from 1 April 2023.
- **BLMK Joint Forward Plan (JFP)** – NHS England has asked for draft Joint Forward Plans for each integrated care system (ICS) to be submitted by 31 March 2023 with final plans published by 30 June 2023. The JFP will cover at least a 5-year time horizon explaining how the four core requirements of ICSs and NHS priorities are to be delivered. The Board agreed the approach including how targeted public engagement work about the JFP will be carried out.
- **Financial and Operating Plan 2023/24** – the Board agreed for the final plan to be signed off by the Chief Executive following a meeting of system chief executives on 29 March 2023. The Board discussed bridging the financial gap, addressing capacity issues to achieve the target for elective activity of 109% of pre-Covid levels and plans to manage hospital flow.

- **Board Assurance Framework (BAF)** – the latest iteration of the BAF was presented. The BAF sets out the key system risks which the Board monitors at each of its formal meetings. Currently, the highest three risks (all scoring 20 out of 25) are as follows.
 - Developing suitable workforce
 - System pressure and resilience
 - Population growth