

The Integration of Health and Social Care in Central Bedfordshire (Recommendations of Overview and Scrutiny Enquiry)

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Purpose of this report

1. To provide Members with the outcomes of the scrutiny enquiry into the integration of health and social care in Central Bedfordshire as reported to the Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive is asked to:

1. **consider the report and recommendations of the enquiry attached at Appendices A and B; and**
2. **respond to the report within two months indicating what action, if any, it proposes to take and if it decides to take no action, the reasons for that decision.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

2. This report and its recommendations were ratified by the Social Care, Health and Housing OSC on 15 May 2017 at which the Committee also supported the principles and recommendations in the report and wished to re-emphasise the following areas:-
 - The importance of the role of community and voluntary sector, such as the Village Care and good neighbour schemes, and faith groups to support integration along side multi disciplinary teams in localities be highlighted and supported.

- That officers investigate public sector funding opportunities for Hub facilities in the Ivel Valley, West Mid Bedfordshire, Chiltern Vale, Leighton Buzzard.
- The Committee supported the view that Spokes be considered for market towns and villages such as Silsoe, Sandy, Pottton and amongst others to be aligned to the Hubs and that an approach for what the Spokes might look like for those areas be mapped out by officers and NHS Partners.
- That the Bromley-by-Bow community centre be recommended to the Executive as a good practice model for Integrated Health and Care Hub working.

Background

3. In September 2016 the Social Care Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SCHHOSC) agreed to undertake an enquiry to support the Council to deliver one element of the Five Year Plan relating to Protecting the Vulnerable; Improving Wellbeing.
4. The enquiry involved Cllrs Hollick (Chairman), Mrs Goodchild (Vice-chairman), Downing, Duckett, Firth, Ghent and Saunders who met with officers from a range of services, advisers and partners.
5. The enquiry sought to understand the national strategic drivers, barriers and risks and receive evidence, advice and information from sector experts to agree an emerging approach to redesign how residents access health and care services.
6. The detailed report attached contains details of the findings of the enquiry and recommendations that are proposed to be provided to the Executive for consideration.

Council Priorities

7. The recommendations of the enquiry are aimed to support the Council's approach to protecting the vulnerable and improving wellbeing.

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

8. There are no legal implications arising directly from this report although should proposals be prepared in light of the recommendations contained in this report proposing the integration of services a full review will be necessary.

Financial and Risk Implications

9. There are potential significant cost implications for delivery of integrated health and care Hubs but anticipate that some of these could be mitigated through partnership engagement on the developments. Currently officers have secured One Public Estate Funding and additional funding from the NHS to pay for the development of Business cases. Individual costs of the Hubs will be derived from the Business cases.

Equalities Implications

10. Central Bedfordshire Council has a statutory duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. This includes identifying opportunities to encourage people with protected characteristics to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is low.
11. Research indicates that vulnerable groups struggle to understand and navigate the complexity of health and social care services. Closer working across agencies and improved locality working provides potential opportunities to improve access to services. There will also be a need for services to be proactive in identifying and targeting sections of the community experiencing poorer health outcomes who may not be accessing preventative and early intervention services.

Conclusion and next Steps

12. The Executive are asked to consider these recommendations and determine what action, if any, is necessary.
13. If the recommendations are agreed it is suggested that an update is provided to the Social Care, Health and Housing OSC within 6 months of their consideration.

Appendices

Appendix A Detailed report of the enquiry

Appendix B Note of the enquiry visit to the Bromley by Bow Centre on
11 May 2017

Background Papers

None