

Central Bedfordshire Council

EXECUTIVE

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Sustainability and Transformation Plan 2016-2020

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This report relates to a non Key Decision

Purpose of this report

1. For the Executive to note the requirement for every health and care system to: “come together to create its own ambitious local blueprint for accelerating its implementation of the Forward View:” The NHS Shared Planning Guidance for 2016/17- 2020/21, published on the 22nd December 2015, requires local areas to produce a five year, place-based Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).
2. STPs will cover the period between October 2016 and March 2021.
3. The report also seeks the endorsement of the Executive for the emerging STP Plan for the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Footprint.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Executive is asked to:

1. **note the requirement for a place-based health and care Sustainability and Transformation Plan; and**
2. **to endorse the approach to developing the Sustainability and Transformation Plan for the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Footprint.**

Overview and Scrutiny Comments/Recommendations

4. This item has not yet been to Social Care Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny. It will form part of a report on our emerging approach to integration of health and care services in Central Bedfordshire.

Background

5. The chancellor announced a national Sustainability and Transformation Fund of £2.1bn of which £1.8bn relates to the Sustainability funding to bring the NHS provider trust sector back into financial balance. This fund will grow from £2.1bn in 2016/17 to £2.9bn in 2017/18, rising to £3.4bn in 2020/21, with an increasing share of the growing fund being deployed on transformation.
6. The transformation funding is to support delivery of the Five Year Forward View (FYFV), set out in the NHS Shared Planning Guidance, published in December 2015. It will be used to fund initiatives such as the expansion of new care models, primary care access and infrastructure, technology roll out, and to drive clinical priorities such as diabetes prevention, learning disability, cancer and mental health.
7. The Planning Guidance asks every health and care system to come together to create their own ambitious local blueprint for accelerating implementation of the Five Year Forward View (5YFV) by developing Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs).
8. These STPs are intended to be place-based, multi-year plans built around the needs of local populations and are seen as a means to build and strengthen local relationships, enabling a shared understanding of local issues and challenges, defining the ambition for 2020 and the concrete steps needed to get there.
9. To do this, local health and care systems have been asked to work together in STP “footprints”. There are 44 of these in England. Central Bedfordshire is part of the Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Footprint.
10. The STP will be an umbrella plan and will bring together local place-based plans to address the health and care triple aim as set out in the Five Year Forward View:
 - The health and wellbeing gap;
 - The care and quality gap; and
 - The finance and efficiency gap.
11. Development of a STP also provides an opportunity for a whole system approach to addressing the wider determinants of health, such as housing, economic development and education. It will foster greater collaboration between the NHS and local government, with patients and the public kept at the centre.

Content of STPS

12. Sustainability and Transformation Plans cover all areas of CCG and NHS England Commissioned activity including specialised services. It must also cover better integration between health and social care services have a strong focus on prevention and reflect local Health and wellbeing strategies.
13. A critical element of the STP is that the plan demonstrates system wide local sustainability which spans providers and commissioners. STPs will become the single application and approval process for being accepted onto programmes with transformational funding from 2017/18 onwards.
14. The STP does not substitute for local leadership or responsibility of the health and social care agenda and the emerging priorities reflect those areas where significant benefits are expected through collective action by bodies operating across Bedfordshire, Luton & Milton Keynes.

For more information on the emerging STP for Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes please see Appendix A.

The full STP will be submitted on 30 June.

Reason/s for decision

15. STPs are an opportunity to develop a local route map to an improved, more sustainable health and care system. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced significant new responsibilities for local government for Public Health and as system leader or place shaper in Health and Wellbeing Boards. STPs are a whole systems plan which requires system leadership to develop a shared vision to reduce inequalities in health, improve the quality of care and create a sustainable health and care system.

Reason for urgency

16. The need to bring the paper to the Executive at this point is to ensure that the Council is aware of the STP and emerging local priorities for the health and care system over the next five years. The STP will be submitted in June 2016.

Council Priorities

17. The proposed action supports the Council's priorities, listed below:
 - promote health and well being and protect the vulnerable

Legal Implications

18. CBC is acting in accordance with NHS Shared Planning Guidance in engaging in the process for the preparation of the STP”

Financial Implications

19. The Sustainability and Transformation Plan must set out how the health and care system will achieve financial balance over the next 5 years and will form the basis of the application process to access transformational funding for 2017/18 onwards.
20. Currently, the Better Care Fund holds a pooled budget of £20.5m across Central Bedfordshire’s health and social care system for 2016/17. A risk sharing agreement setting out how financial risks are shared across the whole system has been agreed.

Equalities Implications

21. 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.
22. The STP aims to address the whole health and care system to enable a rebalancing towards prevention, early intervention; supporting independence and wellbeing. A whole systems focus, with engagement of the local communities will help to deliver improved clinical outcomes and patient experiences.

Conclusion and next Steps

23. Local authorities have a key role to play in shaping the future of health and social care in their areas and need to ensure that they have meaningful input to the STPs. Health and care systems have been asked to come together to create their own ambitious local blueprint for implementing the 5YFV, covering Oct 2016 to Mar 2021.
24. Local Health and care partners made an initial submission of the BLMK STP in March 2016. It detailed the governance arrangements, preliminary analysis of the health and wellbeing, care and quality, finance and efficiency (triple aim) gaps and emerging priorities. A further checkpoint submission was made in April 2016. The final submission is in June 2016.

25. NHS England will assess each STP. Plans of the highest standard will gain access to transformation funding from April 2017.

Appendix

Appendix A – Additional information on the emerging draft STP.