

Central Bedfordshire Council

**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

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The Integration of Health and Social Care in Central Bedfordshire

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Purpose of this report:

1. The report allows Members to consider the emerging vision for the integration of health and social care in Central Bedfordshire. The report also sets out the approach for delivering integrated services focused around locality based integrated health and care hubs across the four localities in Central Bedfordshire.
2. The attached report considered by the Council's Executive on 2 August sets out the national requirement for integration and the case for change in Central Bedfordshire (Appendix A). It also sought Executive endorsement for the emerging approach which aims to redesign how the residents of Central Bedfordshire can access health and care services in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:

1. Consider the emerging vision for the integration of health and social care and the commitment to engage with stakeholders.
2. That the Committee agree to set up a Scrutiny Enquiry on the approach to integration, the ambition and capacity to deliver integrated services to improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Central Bedfordshire
3. Make recommendations to the Council's Executive following this Enquiry.

Council Priorities

The emerging vision for integration and the development of locality based integrated health and care hubs will contribute to the achievement of the following Council priorities:

- Enhancing your local community
- Promote health and well-being and protect the vulnerable

Corporate Implications

Risk Management

The Better Care Fund Plan includes a risk sharing agreement with the Bedfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group. This will be included in the Section 75 Agreement.

Staffing (including Trades Unions)

There are no specific staffing issues arising from this report at this point.

Legal Implications

The legal implications at this stage are centred on ensuring an appropriate governance framework is in place and in line with the Council's constitution.

Financial Implications

The Sustainability and Transformation Plan requires local footprints to set out how the health and care system will achieve financial balance over the next 5 years. This will subsequently form the basis of the application process to access transformational funding for 2017/18 onwards.

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

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. Ensuring better outcomes through locality based integrated health and social care services should be for the benefit of all residents and equality duties should

be considered and embedded in the context of any joint working to avoid discrimination.

Conclusion and next steps

Given the continuing national direction for the integration of health and adult social care and the recent emergence of the Sustainability and Transformation Footprints as units of planning for the NHS, it is now timely that Central Bedfordshire Council, along with its partners, determines the approach to integration that best serves its population. Members are requested to consider the report and to the undertaking to conduct an inquiry into the Integration proposals.

Appendices

Appendix A

Executive report on the Integration of Health and Social Care in Central Bedfordshire

Appendix B

Enquiry Scoping Document.