

## Central Bedfordshire Council

### Social Care Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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

Report of Cllr Peter Hollick (Chairman of the Enquiry)

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### **Purpose of this report**

To provide Members with the outcomes of the scrutiny enquiry into the integration of health and social care in Central Bedfordshire.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Committee receive the report of the enquiry at Appendix 1 and agree the recommendations for referral to Executive.

### **Background**

1. 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.
2. The enquiry involved Cllrs Hollick (Chairman), Goodchild (Vice-chairman), Downing, Duckett, Firth, Ghent and Saunders who met with officers from a range of services, advisers and partners.
3. 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.
4. 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**

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

## **Corporate Implications**

### **Legal Implications**

6. 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**

7. 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**

8. 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.
9. 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**

10. The Committee is asked to consider and support the recommendations so that they may be referred to the Executive for further consideration.
11. If the recommendations are supported it is suggested that the Committee requests an update from the Executive on the implementation of the recommendations within 6 months of their consideration,

**Appendices**

Appendix 1 detailed report of the enquiry

**Background Papers**

None