

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 (Phase II of the Overview and Scrutiny Enquiry)

Report of Cllr Peter Hollick (Enquiry Chairman)

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Purpose of this report

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee receive the second 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 (SCHH OSC) 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 Executive at their meeting requested that the Enquiry Team provide additional evidence to support their findings and recommendations.
3. Members of the Enquiry Team researched the NHS England lead new models of care and visited Vanguard sites providing remodelled services which are detailed in the report.
4. The Enquiry Team is satisfied it has carried out a thorough investigation and calls for the Executive to accept this second report as its final piece of work in their area.

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 on the integration of services a full review will be necessary to include governance and contract issues and compliance with new data protection legislation.

Financial Implications

7. There are significant cost implications for the 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 further recommendations so that they may be referred to the Executive to consider.
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

12. Appendix 1 Enquiry Report Phase II

Background Papers

13. None.