

Your Health, Your Social Care, the Way Forward (An examination of good practice)

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Purpose of this report

1. To provide Members with the outcomes of the scrutiny enquiry phase II 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

The Executive is asked to:

1. **consider the report and recommendations of the enquiry attached at Appendix 1; and**
2. **respond to the report within two months indicating what actions, 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 19 March 2018 at which the Committee supported the additional recommendations in the report and wished to re-emphasise the following areas:
 - That in light of the further detailed evidence and best practice outlined in the report, the Council seek to urgently implement the principles and recommendations outlined in the original report in order to achieve the most positive outcomes for residents of Central Bedfordshire.
 - That an integration conference be organised during 2018 for Members in order to enhance awareness and highlight the importance of integrating health and social care.

- That the MANOP Team liaise with the Local Plan service and the planning team in order to promote the Birmingham model of social housing detailed in this report.
- That a 'clarity of purpose' or 'joint vision' document that sets out the range of services that can be delivered in a community setting be produced that steers Central Bedfordshire residents away from hospitals and towards on the integrated health and care hubs provided. Place, as part of the STP, officers to work with health partners to establish a clear vision for integrated services and joint commissioning for CBC in light of the STP within the framework of the new accountable care system (Integration Care System).

Background

3. In September 2016 the Social Care Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee 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 Executive at their meeting in August 2017 requested that the Enquiry Team provide additional evidence to support their findings and recommendations.
5. 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.
6. 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 this area.

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 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 and Risk Implications

9. 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

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 the additional 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 phase II report of the enquiry.

Background Papers

None