

Executive response in respect of Integration of Health and Social Care in Central Bedfordshire Overview and Scrutiny Enquiry – In Respect of Your Health, Your Social Care – the Way Forward (An Examination of Good Practice)

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Purpose of this report

1. To provide an update to the actions agreed by the Executive in response to the overall recommendations of Social Care, Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny enquiry into Integration of Health and Social Care in Central Bedfordshire. The report on Phase 2 of the Enquiry was received at the previous Executive meeting on 3 April 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to:

1. **Note the update appended to this report setting out the recommendations of the enquiry and progress against the proposed actions.**

Background

1. In September 2016 the Social Care Health and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee carried out an enquiry to support the delivery of one of the key priorities of the Council's Five-Year Plan relating to Protecting the Vulnerable; Improving Wellbeing.
2. A report on the findings of the enquiry was presented to the Executive in August 2017 at which the Executive requested that the Enquiry Team provide additional evidence to support their findings and recommendations.

3. Members of the Enquiry Team commenced Phase 2 of the Enquiry by researching NHS England's new models of care and visited Vanguard sites providing remodelled services.
4. Following a thorough investigation, OSC called on the Executive to accept the findings of the second report as its final piece of work in this area.
5. The Executive, as required by the Constitution, considered the report with a response setting out the actions to be taken against the recommendations.
6. This report provides a six-month progress report on the proposed actions in line with Constitutional requirements.

Summary of the recommendations, Executive response and actions

7. A summary of the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the response by the Executive to the recommendations and actions taken to date are set out in Appendix 1.
8. Whilst some of the actions have been implemented and become business as usual, a number of actions are ongoing with some having a longer delivery timeline.
9. Update on some of the actions are presented separately to scrutiny as the initiatives, such as the development of integrated health and care hubs progress.

Council Priorities

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

Corporate Implications

Legal Implications

11. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Financial and Risk Implications

12. 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. The Council is currently consulting on capital allocation for the delivery of two integrated health and care hubs.

Equalities Implications

13. 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.
14. 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

15. Scrutiny is asked to note the progress to date.
16. Independent report on key projects will be shared with scrutiny as the Integration agenda progresses.

Appendices

Appendix A: Executive response to the overview and scrutiny enquiry

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