



READING HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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| REPORT TITLE: | PROCEDURAL REPORT ON BOB INTEGRATED CARE BOARD PLANNED CONSULTATIONS | | |
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report outlines four strategic documents that the Integrated Care Board plan to consult with the Health and Wellbeing Board on:

1. Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) Joint Forward Plan
2. The BOB ICB Annual Report
3. NHS England Performance Assessment of the ICB
4. The BOB ICB Joint Capital Resource Use Plan

1.2 Each of these documents have specific timescales for consultation which do not easily coincide with the programme for meetings of the Reading Health and Wellbeing Board. To manage this, it is therefore proposed that officer delegation is awarded to allow for responses to the consultations on behalf of the Board, and that an additional meeting of the Board is held in June 2023 for the consultation on the BOB ICB Joint Forward Plan.

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board agrees to delegate authority to the Executive Director for Adult Social Care & Health to respond on its behalf to consultations on the ICB Annual Report and NHSE performance assessment of the ICB, in consultation with the Chair;

2.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board agrees in advance to hold an additional meeting in June 2023 to allow opportunity to respond and approve its statement of opinion on the BOB ICB Joint Forward Plan before the deadline of 30 June 2023;

2.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board notes the position regarding the BOB ICB Joint Capital Resource Use Plan.

3. POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 Joint Forward Plan (JFP)

The JFP replaces the previous commissioning plans. The National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Care Act 2022) requires Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and their partner trusts (the ICB's partner NHS trusts and foundation trusts are named in its

constitution) to prepare their JFP before the start of each financial year. For this first year, NHS England (NHSE) has specified that the final the date for publishing and sharing with NHSE, their integrated care partnerships (ICPs) and Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs), is 30 June 2023.

- 3.2 ICBs and their partner trusts must involve relevant HWBs in preparing or revising the JFP. This includes sharing a draft with each relevant HWB and consulting relevant HWB's on whether the JFP takes proper account of each relevant joint local health and wellbeing strategy (JLHWS). A HWB must respond with its opinion and may also send that opinion to NHSE, telling the ICB and its partner trusts it has done so unless it informed them in advance that it was planning to do so. The JFP must then include a statement of the final opinion of each HWB consulted.
- 3.3 The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire Integrated Care Board (BOB ICB) is developing the JFP to show how it intends to deliver the ambition of the BOB Integrated Care Strategy (BOB ICS). The plans will be structured around the same strategic themes, with a focus on delivery over five years. The BOB ICS builds on current joint local health and wellbeing strategies which were developed between NHS, local authority and other partners at local authority level.
- 3.4 In BOB, a very early draft of JFP delivery plans have already been developed, working primarily with ICB planning leads across existing networks to build "bottom-up" content that articulates a five-year ambition and delivery plan across key service areas and enablers.
- 3.5 The plans will be tested, refined and shared with various existing committees and working groups over the next few weeks with the intention to hold a system workshop at the end of March to share with partners and produce a good first version by 31 March 2023.
- 3.6 There is opportunity to further develop and refine the JFP between April and June prior to publication by 30 June 2023. This will include formal governance through the ICB and Trust Boards, and a formal opinion from the HWBs.
- 3.7 **ICB annual report for 2022/23 and NHSE performance assessments of the ICB**

In its annual report the ICB must review the extent to which it has contributed to the delivery of any joint health and wellbeing strategy to which it was required to have regard. It is a statutory requirement to include this review in the annual report and to consult with each relevant Health and Wellbeing Board in preparing it. The final, audited, annual report will be published by 30 June 2023 and the ICB will present it at a public meeting after this date.

- 3.8 Guidance on how the NHS England performance assessments will be undertaken is expected. Under the terms of the Health and Care Act 2022, NHSE must consult with Health and Wellbeing Boards as to how effectively the ICB has contributed to the ambitions set out in the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS). This was also required for CCGs and in previous years NHSE wrote to ask for views on working relationships, collaboration and effectiveness in delivery against core goals.
- 3.9 NHS England and the ICB are required to consult with the Health and Wellbeing Boards under different clauses of the Act; both parties must discharge this duty but may do so together. It is not permitted for one party to make this request on behalf of both organisations. If possible, the ICB will coordinate the request for feedback to Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- 3.10 A joint letter from the ICB and NHSE is planned to be sent by 13 March 2023, asking for a response by 27 March 2023 to the following questions:

- How effectively has the ICB worked with its NHS and wider system partners to implement the JLHWS?
- What steps has the ICB taken in implementing the JLHWS?
- What more could the ICB do to support implementation of the JLHWS?

3.11 Joint Capital Resource Use Plan

The National Health Service Act 2006, as amended by the Health and Care Act 2022 (the amended 2006 Act) sets out that before the start of each financial year an ICB and its partner NHS trusts and foundation trusts must prepare a plan setting out their planned capital resource use. Guidance to the NHS was issued on 27 January 2023 outlining how this should be done using nationally-issued planning templates. ICBs are required to publish these plans before or soon after the start of the financial year and report against them within their annual report. They must also give a copy of the plan to their Integrated Care Partnership (ICP), HWBs and NHSE.

- 3.12 Once the BOB ICB publishes its Joint Capital Resource Use Plan, it will send a copy to the Chairs of the ICP and HWBs. There is no requirement for the HWB to formally respond but it should be noted and included in a future meeting agenda.

4. THE PROPOSAL

- 4.1 On the current timetable of Health and Wellbeing Board meetings, the next scheduled meeting of the Health & Wellbeing Board is not until 14 July 2023, which would not allow timely response to these important strategic documents.

- 4.2 The proposal is therefore to agree to officer delegation in consultation with the Chair to allow for a timely response to the consultation on the ICB Annual Report and the NHSE performance assessment of the ICB in 2023 and in future years.

- 4.3 It is also proposed that the Board agree to holding an additional board meeting in June 2023, before the programmed meeting in July 2023, to allow for the Board to consider the BOB ICB Forward Plan and give its formal opinion before the statutory deadline of 30 June 2023.

- 4.4 The Board does not need to formally respond to the Joint Capital Resource Use Plan, but it can be reported to a future meeting of the Board for information.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO READING'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGIC AIMS

- 5.1 The purpose of this section is to ensure that proposals contained in reports are in line with the overall direction of the Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Strategy by contributing to at least one of the Strategy's five priorities:

1. Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people
2. Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives
3. Help children and families in early years
4. Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people
5. Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults

- 5.2 The BOB ICB Joint Forward Plan should take proper account of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and it will be important that the Board's response ensures that there is alignment with its priorities and that the stated 'bottom up' principle leads to meaningful delivery that benefits the health and access to healthcare of communities in Reading.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 As this is about responses to ICB and NHSE strategic consultation and priorities there are no known implications in terms of climate emergency mitigation or adaptation.

7. COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

7.1 The consultation processes for these documents are led by BOB ICB and NHSE and includes engagement with all relevant stakeholders.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

8.1 Not applicable.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The requirements for consultation are set out in the Health & Care Act 2022.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Not applicable

11. BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 None