

READING HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting	23 June 2023
Title	BOB Joint Forward Plan
Purpose of the report	To make a decision
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Organisation	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board
Recommendations	1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board provides a formal opinion on whether the Joint Forward Plan takes ‘proper account of the joint local health and wellbeing strategy’

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Joint Forward Plan (JFP) describes how the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and partner NHS trusts are required to develop an annual, five year Joint forward Plan. This plan intends to balance delivery of the BOB Integrated Care Strategy ambitions with delivery of the other NHS commitments.
- 1.2. The plans have been developed jointly with BOB Integrated Care System (ICS) partners with input and feedback from wider system and public engagement, including input from local authority partners, which has informed the development of the JFP.
- 1.3. Health and Wellbeing Boards will be asked to provide comment on the JFP’s alignment to current health and wellbeing strategies through June 2023 – specifically whether the draft Joint Forward Plan takes proper account of each joint health and wellbeing strategy.
- 1.4. The JFP will be formally published by the end of June 2023.

2. Policy Context

- 2.1. Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care Board (ICB) and its partner trusts are required to publish the first Joint Forward Plan (JFP) by 30 June 2023.
- 2.2. [National Guidance](#) sets out that at a minimum the JFP needs to describe how the ICB and partner NHS trusts “intend to arrange and/or provide NHS services to meet their population’s physical and mental health needs. This should include the delivery of universal NHS commitments”. Additionally, systems are encouraged to use the JFP to develop a shared delivery plan for the Integrated Care Strategy and the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JLHWS).
- 2.3. The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West JFP addresses these ambitions across our organisations and also recognises the value and importance of our partnerships

with local authorities in the ongoing development and delivery of services for the benefit of the people and communities who live and work in our areas.

2.4. The JFP sets a rolling five-year ambition and will be updated annually before the beginning of each subsequent financial year.

2.5. There are two supporting documents with this paper:

Appendix A: Joint Forward Plan Summary

Joint Forward Plan – [All documents and appendices](#)

2.6. As described in previous meetings with the health and wellbeing board, the Joint Forward Plan has been developed specifically in response to the ambitions of the Integrated Care Strategy, signed off by the ICP in March 2023. The strategy was developed jointly by system partners, including local authority representatives, to reflect the needs of local populations as described in the local health and wellbeing strategies.

2.7. The Joint Forward Plan has subsequently been developed with further input from system partners to ensure these ambitions are reflected and local needs are taken into account.

2.8. The ICB and partner NHS trusts are asked to consult with Health and Wellbeing Boards on “whether the draft takes proper account of each JLHWS [Joint health and wellbeing strategy] published by the health and wellbeing board that relates to any part of the period to which the JFP relates”. The Health and Wellbeing Board must respond with its opinion and may also send that opinion to NHS England, telling the ICB and its partner trusts it has done so - see page 7 of national guidance (paragraph 2.2) on developing the Joint Forward Plan.

3. The Proposal (Recommendation)

3.1. Having reviewed the Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire Berkshire Integrated Care Board’s Joint Forward Plan, the Reading Health and Wellbeing Board agrees with the opinion that the plan has taken proper account of the Berkshire West Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

3.2. Section 4 summarises how the JFP takes account of the HWS priorities.

4. Contribution to Reading’s Health and Wellbeing Strategic Aims

4.1. Our JFP, guided by the vision set out in the Integrated Care Strategy, aligns with and builds on the strategies, approaches and targets set out by our three local health and wellbeing strategies developed by the five Health and Wellbeing Boards across BOB. We recognise that Berkshire West have set out 5 key priorities in the joint local health and wellbeing strategy:

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

4.2. We are confident that the BOB Joint Forward Plan takes into account these strategic priorities and are picked up in the service delivery plans aligned to the five themes of the Integrated Care Strategy – Promoting and Protecting Health, Start Well, Live Well, Age Well and Improving Quality and Access to services

4.3. The table below sets out the alignment.

Berkshire West Health and Wellbeing Priorities	Mapping to the BOB Joint Forward Plan
<p>Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people</p>	<p>Tackling inequalities is a fundamental principle of the Integrated Care Strategy and the Joint Forward Plan. Our ambition to identify and address inequalities can be seen in almost all the service delivery plans through the Joint Forward Plan (see JFP Appendix A: Service Delivery Plans)</p> <p>Our approach to inequalities is described in the first of the five sections Promoting and Protecting Health focussing on tackling inequalities in access, experience and outcomes.</p> <p>The ambition to tackle inequalities is also recognised as one of the four key challenge areas in the Joint Forward Plan where system-wide working is required. It is recognised that there is already much local work underway to address inequalities and NHS organisations are committed to actively supporting this, using data shared across organisations to help the identification of people in greatest need to ensure they are able to access the right services and support.</p>
<p>Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives</p>	<p>The Joint Forward Plan describes the delivery and development of services that will identify and support people at risk of poor health outcomes to live healthier lives. Through the Promoting and Protecting Health, Start Well, Live Well and Age Well sections we describe how we will build on the shared ambition of the Integrated Care Strategy, supporting people to live healthier lives throughout their lives.</p> <p>This includes services that support people with learning disabilities with an ambition to improve health outcomes and reduce inequalities, Support people with Dementia and other long term conditions and an ongoing commitment to work more closely with VCSE colleagues and other partners to support local delivery to vulnerable people through our place based partnerships.</p>
<p>Help families and children in early years.</p>	<p>These are both addressed in our 'Start Well' theme. This theme aims at focusing on easily accessible services that support healthy children and families across our diverse</p>

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Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people	communities. Our Early Years Plans are aligned to the recommendations of 'The Best Start for Life – a vision for the 1001 critical days' report. The service delivery plans in the Joint Forward Plan have extensive detail regarding our ambition to continuously improve our maternity and neonatal services to reduce inequalities and support healthier pregnancies across BOB. Additionally, the JFP includes details on our ambition to support early development, children and young people's mental health and wellbeing, and supporting children, young people who are neurodiverse and their families, with a strong focus on improving access and outcomes.
Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults.	Building on the priority described in the start well section the JFP includes detail on our collective ambition to support and promote good mental health and wellbeing across our populations. This is addressed in the 'Live Well' theme and specific service delivery plans. This includes plans to identify and support those at greatest risk of poor mental health, providing timely support for people in times of mental health crisis and building more resilient communities and promotes more join up across the different support opportunities available.

4.4. Additional information on how the Joint Forward Plan aligns to the ambition of the Integrated Care Strategy can be found in the JFP supporting documents which provides details of how the service delivery plans correspond to the ambitions of the Strategy.

5. Environmental and Climate Implications

5.1. We are developing a number of enabling strategies including our Net Zero Strategy, which will support delivery of our Joint Forward Plan.

6. Community Engagement

6.1. The Joint Forward Plan has been developed through extensive engagement with system partners and the public from the outset and the feedback has been used to update our plans.

7. Equality Implications

7.1. Not applicable.

8. Other Relevant Considerations

8.1. Not applicable.

9. Legal Implications

9.1. Not applicable.

10. Financial Implications

10.1. Not applicable.

11. Timetable for Implementation

11.1. The JFP is a five year plan that will be update annually.

12. Background Papers

12.1. There are none.

Appendices

Appendix A: Joint Forward Plan Summary