

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

19 JANUARY 2024

QUESTION No. 3 in accordance with Standing Order No 36

Tom Lake to ask the Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board:

Commissioning Decisions

In the current structure of an Integrated Care Board with place level structures it is unclear where commissioning decisions are taken and how they are reported to the public.

Will the board review accountability and oversight in our integrated care system so as to clarify where change is needed to bring commissioning decisions clearly to the public view?

REPLY by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board (Councillor McEwan):

The Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board remains the NHS commissioning body, and has a duty to consult with the local authority and the public on any commissioning decisions that would have a substantial impact on services.

The Health and Wellbeing Board, along with the ACE Committee, continues to play an important role in co-development and scrutiny of commissioning decisions. Our jointly developed Health and Wellbeing Strategy sets out our local guiding priorities. We will continue to review progress of delivery against this Strategy regardless of whether the development work happens at a 'Place' level or as part of the wider Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care System.