

CUMBRIA HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Meeting date: 10 March 2023

From: Executive Director – People (Cumbria County Council)

REPORTING BETWEEN INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEMS AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 *On the 16th of December 2022 the Health and Wellbeing Board received a report outlining new guidance on the relationship between Health and Wellbeing Boards and the new health and care architecture that was created by the Health and Care Act. This report provides an update on some of the issues raised by that report.*

2.0 LINKS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board exists to provide strategic leadership and promote closer integration of health and care, through partners working together to ensure that everyone in Cumbria is able to benefit from improvements in health and wellbeing.
- 2.2 The Board has a responsibility to ensure a collective awareness of the major changes, pressures and risks across health and wellbeing services and provide opportunity to review, comment and consider the opportunities for collaborative approaches to address or manage these.
- 2.3 The Board is responsible for providing a structure for strategic local planning and accountability of health and wellbeing related services across a range of sectors and providers and for providing County-wide strategic leadership to public health, NHS, adults social care, children's social care and other relevant local authority commissioning - acting as a focal point for determining and agreeing health and wellbeing priorities and outcomes.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 *That the board note the update on joint working between the Board and other parts of the health and care system as set out in section 5.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 On the 22 November 2022 the government published revised guidance on Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) in light of changes to the health and care system architecture following the Health and Care Act 2022 on 16 December 2022.

4.2 Following the Health and Care Act 2022, some of the previous reporting requirements which existed between the CCGs and the HWB have been modified. These now include the following requirements.

4.3 Joint forward plans (replacing commissioning plans)

Before the start of each financial year, an ICB, with its partner NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts, must prepare a 5-year joint forward plan, to be refreshed each year. ICBs must involve HWBs as follows:

- joint forward plans for the ICB and its partner NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts must set out any steps that the ICB proposes to take to implement any JLHWS
- ICBs and their partner NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts must involve each relevant HWB in preparing or revising their forward plans
- in particular, the HWB must be provided with a draft of the forward plan, and the ICB must consult with the HWB on whether the draft takes proper account of each relevant JLHWS
- following consultation, any HWB within the ICB's area has the right to respond to the ICB and may give its opinion to NHS England
- within the ICB's forward plan, it must include a statement from the HWB as to whether the JLHWS has been taken proper account of within the forward plan
- with the establishment of ICBs and the abolishment of CCGs, the former requirement for CCGs to share their commissioning plans with HWBs is now removed.

4.4 Annual Reports

ICBs are required as part of their annual reports to review any steps they have taken to implement any JLHWS to which they are required to have regard. In preparing this review, the ICB must consult each relevant HWB.

4.5 Performance Assessments

In undertaking its annual performance assessment of an ICB, NHS England must include an assessment of how well the ICB has met the duty to have regard to the relevant JSNAs and JLHWSs within its area. In conducting the performance assessment, NHS England must consult each relevant HWB for their views on the ICB's contribution to the delivery of any JLHWS to which it was required to have regard.

4.6 Joint Capital Resource Use Plans

As well as the changes outlined above there is a new requirement that ICBs and their partner NHS trusts and NHS foundation trusts must share their joint capital resource use plan and any revisions with each relevant HWB. This is a new duty on an ICB not previously required of a CCG. It is intended that in sharing these with HWBs, there will be opportunity to align local priorities and provide consistency with strategic aims and plans.

4.7 **Integrated Care Strategies**

HWBs and ICPs to work collaboratively and iteratively in the preparation of the system-wide integrated care strategy that will tackle those challenges that are best dealt with at a system level (for example, workforce planning, or data and intelligence sharing). The expectation is that all HWBs in an ICB area will be involved in the preparation of the integrated care strategy. There is flexibility in how this will happen in different areas. ICPs will need to ensure that there are mechanisms within their system to ensure collective input to their strategic priorities, and that sufficient time is provided for this.

5.0 **UPDATE**

- 5.1 Following the December meeting work has been undertaken between the Health and Wellbeing Board and the two Integrated Care Systems to understand how these responsibilities would be discharged.
- 5.2 As a result of this there is greater clarity about how and when some of these issues will be discussed with the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 5.3 Both Integrated Care Partnerships have consulted the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Board on their draft Integrated Care Strategies. The North East and North Cumbria ICP draft was circulated for comment to Health and Wellbeing Board members for comment before Christmas. The Lancashire and South Cumbria ICP draft Integrated Care Strategy is elsewhere in today's agenda.
- 5.4 In the guidance the expectation is that Integrated Care Board's will consult on the Joint Forward plan before publication. This would normally take place before the beginning of the financial year. However, for the first year of the new system architecture, the requirement to produce the Joint Forward Plan the timescales have been relaxed. Both ICB's will be producing draft Joint Forward Plans with the intention of consulting Health and Wellbeing Boards before final publication in June. This means that the ICBs will need to consult the two new Health and Wellbeing Boards rather than the Cumbria one.
- 5.5 Timetables for the publication of the other requirements contained in the guidance are still to be determined.

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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