

Somerset County Council
Scrutiny Committee for Policies, Adults and Health
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Somerset Integrated Health and care Strategy

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1. Summary

- 1.1.** The changes to the Health and Care Act 2022 enables health and care organisation to improve services and outcomes through stronger joint working, and to take shared responsibility for tackling growing health inequalities within their population. The Act also made changes to NHS organisations and established Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) as statutory organisations. These replaced Clinical Commissioning Groups when they were abolished on 1 July 2022.
- 1.2.** The Act also required ICBs and partner local authorities to form a committee, the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). A key accountability for the ICP is to produce and Integrated Health and Care Strategy, setting out how the assessed needs of the local population will be met, including that from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). This includes social care, primary and secondary care, physical and mental health, and health related services across the whole population regardless of age.
- 1.3.** As a system we have made significant progress through the programme work under the Fit for my Future direction. Building on this the ICP is actively working to progress an integrated Health and Care Strategy for Somerset.

2. Issues for consideration / Recommendations

- 2.1.** Members are asked to note the requirements for the Somerset Integrated Care Partnership (NHS commissioners and the local authority) to develop a detailed five year Integrated Health and Care Strategy, including the commitment to work closely with local people and communities as well as providers and other partners in the delivery of system level, evidence based priorities in the short, medium and long term.

3. Background

- 3.1.** The Somerset Integrated Care Strategy will build on the existing work carefully

developed under Fit for My Future, to ensure we maintain momentum to further the transformative change needed to tackle challenges such as: reducing disparities in health and social care; improving quality and performance; preventing mental and physical ill health; maximising independence and preventing care needs, by promoting control, choice and flexibility in how people receive care and support. Our progress as a Somerset system has been significant under the Fit for my Future direction, and its five strategic themes continue to be used in our engagement with partners about how we prioritise our plans

3.2. The five strategic aims are:

- Improve the health and wellbeing of the population
- Provide the best care and support to children and adults
- Strengthen care and support in local communities
- Reduce health inequalities
- Respond well to complex needs

We expect that the integrated care strategy will mature and develop over time.

3.3. On 28 November the Health and Wellbeing Board / Integrated Care Partnership endorsed the work that has been undertaken to date to develop the outline health and care strategy for Somerset. This was published in December 2022.

3.4. Currently work is being undertaken to develop this strategic outline (Fit for My Future) into a more detailed strategic document, that will provide the direction in Somerset for the Five Year Joint Forward Plan. The Joint Forward Plan will describe the detailed plans for delivering the first two years of the strategy, as well as describing the priorities over the five-year timescale.

3.5. The timescales are indicated in the attached report but in summary:

- Integrated Care Strategy to be published by 31 March 2023
- Five Year Joint Forward Plan to be published by 30 June 2023.

Both will be expected to be reviewed annually and if required refreshed.

4. Consultations undertaken

4.1. For the development of the Fit for My Future, there were a number of open events were undertaken for all members of the public to engage in:

- Berrow Village Hall, Burnham-on-Sea, Monday 15th October
- Great Bow Wharf, Langport, Wednesday 17th October
- Basalm Centre, Wincanton, Tuesday 23rd October
- Axbridge Town Hall, Axbridge, Thursday 25th October
- Hub Nub, Frome, Monday 29th of October
- The Arts Centre, Wellington, Tuesday 30th October

- Ilminster Town Hall, Ilminster, Wednesday 31st October
- Victoria Park Community Centre, Bridgwater, Tuesday 6th November
- Hen Hayes, Crewkerne, Wednesday 7th November
- The Guildhall , Chard, Monday 12th November
- Abermarle Centre, Taunton, Wednesday 14th November
- Shape Mendip, Shepton Mallet, Thursday 15th November
- Brushford Parish Hall, Dulverton, Tuesday 20th November
- Glastonbury Town Hall, Glastonbury, Wednesday 21st November
- The Hub, Minehead, Monday 26th November
- Abbey Manor Community Centre, Yeovil, Tuesday 27th November

4.2. One of the statutory requirements for the Integrated Strategy is to involve Healthwatch in the preparation. Currently HealthWatch Somerset is undertaking some initial engagement on the public's priorities under the five strategic aims. This initial work will lead to further engagement as part of Somerset Integrated Care Partnership's commitment to promote a listening and responsive culture through its engagement with local people, communities and places.

4.3. This engagement includes visiting venues in:

- Street
- Yeovil
- Bridgwater
- Frome
- Taunton
- Minehead

There will also be an online survey published.

5. Implications

5.1. There will be a need to ensure that this is a systemwide agreed health and care strategy.

5.2. Sufficient engagement needs to have taken place to inform the strategy and Joint Forward Plan development

6. Background papers

6.1. See attached.

Note For sight of individual background papers please contact the report author