

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting to be held on 19th January 2021

National Consultation: Integrating Care – Next Steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England

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Executive Summary

Integrating care: Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England was published by NHS England and Improvement in November 2020. This paper introduces the key messages from the consultation document and the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System (ICS) response to the consultation which was submitted on 8 January 2021.

Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- (i) Discuss the major proposals arising from the national consultation document *Integrating Care: Next Steps* set out in the attached slide set.
- (ii) Note that a number of organisations and local Integrated Care Partnerships have made responses to the consultation process.
- (iii) Note the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System response to the consultation in support of option 2: development of a statutory Integrated Care System body.

Background

Published by NHS England and Improvement (NHSEI) in November 2020, *Integrating care: Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England* is a consultation document which sets out proposals to put Integrated Care Systems (ICS) on a clearer statutory footing.

The key messages within the document are summarised in the attached slide set and underpinned by four fundamental aims:

- improve population health and healthcare;
- tackle unequal outcomes and access;
- enhance productivity and value for money; and
- help the NHS to support broader social and economic development.

The paper presents two options to support the continued development of integrated partnership models for health and care systems in England:

- Option 1: a statutory ICS Board/Joint Committee with an Accountable Officer. In this option, there would be one aligned Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) only per ICS footprint, and new powers would allow that CCGs are able to delegate many of its population health functions to providers.
- Option 2: a statutory corporate NHS body model that additionally brings CCG statutory functions into the ICS.

These options are further described on slide 8.

The proposals within the consultation document build on the work we have done over the past three years to develop system-based working and are consistent with the benefits we are already seeing from the greater collaboration of partners in our neighbourhoods, place-based partnerships and across the Lancashire and South Cumbria footprint.

Whilst Health and Wellbeing Boards are not specifically referenced in the consultation document there is a clear emphasis on health inequalities throughout the paper and the role of partnerships and systems in agreeing how to address these.

The consultation period closed on 8 January 2021. A response from the Lancashire and South Cumbria ICS (attached below) has been submitted setting out our support for option 2, development of an ICS statutory body. Individual organisations and Integrated Care Partnerships have also submitted individual responses.

While the outcomes of the consultation process are reviewed, the ICS will move forward as requested to plan for a period of transition during 2021/22. This will enable us to respond effectively to any agreed changes in operating arrangements as the legislative process takes effect.

The ICS will also continue to ensure that we provide regular updates on these proposed changes to the public, our partners and our staff over the course of the next year.

List of background papers

Integrating care: Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England, NHSE, November 2020

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/261120-item-5-integrating-care-next-steps-for-integrated-care-systems.pdf>

Lancashire & South Cumbria ICS Response to Integrating Care: Next Steps, 08.01.2021



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