

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 7 July 2022

Report of the Director of Public Health

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

Corporate Priorities:
Delivering better services;

Development of Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Brief Summary

From 1 July 2022, the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System is required to establish an Integrated Care Partnership as a key component of the Health and Care Act 2022.

Lancashire County Council is a core member of this partnership.

The development of this partnership is planned to happen in two phases between May and December 2022. The set-up phase (May and June 2022) includes establishing the terms of reference and confirmation of membership by each partner organisation. This will be followed by a development phase (July to December 2022) that includes establishing priorities for integrated care strategy and confirming how this partnership interfaces other partnerships in the system, (e.g. Health and Wellbeing Boards, etc).

Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Support the development of Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership as set out in the report.
- (ii) Approve the addition of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership to the county council's list of appointments to outside bodies and authorise the Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to approve the county council's representative on the Care Partnership until the next county council elections.

Detail

The Upper Tier Local Authorities in Lancashire and South Cumbria and the Integrated Care Board have a requirement to ensure appropriate arrangements are in place to establish a Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership (known nationally as the Integrated Care Partnership) from 1 July 2022.

National guidance indicates that the partnership will operate as a forum to bring partners, local government, NHS and others, together across the Integrated Care System area to align purpose and ambitions with plans to integrate care and improve health and wellbeing outcomes for their population.

The partnership will have a specific responsibility to develop an 'integrated care strategy' for its whole population using best available evidence and data, covering health and social care (both children's and adult's social care), and addressing the wider determinants of health and wellbeing. This should be built bottom-up from local assessments of needs and assets identified at place level, based on Joint Strategic Needs Assessments undertaken by the Health and Wellbeing Boards in the area.

Members must include local authorities that are responsible for social care services in the Integrated Care System area, as well as the local NHS (represented at least by the Integrated Care System NHS body). Beyond this, members may be from Health and Wellbeing Boards, other statutory organisations, voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise sector partners, social care providers and organisations with a relevant wider interest, such as employers, housing and education providers and the criminal justice system (including courts, probation, and prison services).

The partnership is expected to draw on experience and expertise from across the wide range of partners working to improve health and care in their communities, including ensuring that the views and needs of patients, carers and the social care sector are built into their ways of working.

It is proposed that the Lancashire and South Cumbria Health and Care Partnership develops in two phases between May and December 2022. The set-up phase (May and June 2022) includes establishing the terms of reference and confirmation of membership by each of the statutory partners. This will be followed by a development phase (July to December 2022) that includes establishing priorities for integrated care strategy and confirming how this partnership interfaces other partnerships in the system, (e.g. Health and Wellbeing Boards, etc).

The focus of this report is mainly on the set-up phase. It is proposed that the Integrated Care Partnership will be chaired by an elected member from one of the four upper tier local authorities within Lancashire and South Cumbria, and the deputy chair will be identified by the voluntary, community and faith sector. The draft terms of reference, to be confirmed at the first meeting of the partnership, are set out at Appendix 'A'.

Further work is planned to enable the partnership to identify the focus for this partnership. This will happen during phase 2 and based on the following proposed principles:

- Tackling the most complex issues that cannot be solved by individual organisations, and/or where the potential achievements of working together are greater than the sum of the constituent parts.
- Staying strategic and avoiding being drawn into operational detail.
- A small number of key priorities.
- Tackling the most complex issues that cannot be solved by existing partnerships.

The priorities proposed to be the basis for the county council to engage in the development phase include:

- Delivering safe and effective joined up care at home for our residents in order to prevent or delay the escalation of more complex needs.
- Developing the care sector, particularly recruitment and retention of the workforce.
- Shifting the focus to better joined up community-based care across all ages in partnership with district councils, education settings and primary care networks, and
- Adopting best practice in information sharing and use of technology enabled care.

Consultations

The proposals have been developed through the design oversight group attended by senior executive officers across the system, and in partnership with officers across the NHS and Blackpool, Blackburn with Darwen and Cumbria councils.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The establishment of an Integrated Care Partnership is a statutory requirement. The arrangements set out in the report will ensure that the county council meets this obligation.

Lack of a well-functioning Integrated Care Partnership is likely to lead to missed opportunities for influencing the NHS's refreshed five-year plan, and for delivering joined up services for our residents.

Lack of clarity of the role of the Integrated Care Partnership vis-à-vis Health and Wellbeing Boards as well as other partnership forums. This is planned to be addressed during the development phase of the partnership on the basis set out in the report.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A