

Title of meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting: 22nd September 2021

Subject: Health and Care Portsmouth update

Report by: Jo York, Managing Director, Portsmouth CCG

Wards affected: None

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update Health and Wellbeing Board members on progress with developing Health and Care Portsmouth.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- i. Approve the development of joint commissioning in the city, including through the Health and Care Portsmouth commissioning committee**
- ii. Note work ongoing in support of the move to Integrated Care System**

3. Background

- 3.1 Health and Care Portsmouth describes the way of working in Portsmouth between partners in the health and care system to drive our local vision, as set out in the Blueprint for Health and Care in Portsmouth. The vision set out in the Blueprint is that:

"Our vision is for everyone in Portsmouth to be enabled to live healthy, safe and independent lives, with care and support that is integrated around the needs of the individual at the right time and in the right setting. We will do things because they matter to local people, we know that they work and we know that they will make a measurable difference to their lives".



- 3.2 All partners in Portsmouth signed up to the vision, and whilst we are refreshing the Blueprint and working towards the development of the integrated care system (ICS) for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the vision remains current and is the focus of integrated working in Portsmouth.
- 3.3 A key part of Health and Care Portsmouth has been the coming together of Portsmouth City Council and Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Group, so that as far as possible, health and care commissioning in Portsmouth is integrated. This way of working continues as the wider system adapts to the new ICS context, and provides a basis for future place-based arrangements to be developed.
- 3.4 One of the elements of Health and Care Portsmouth is a joint commissioning board. Originally established as a sub-committee of the Health and Wellbeing Board, this board was intended to provide effective collaboration, assurance, oversight and good governance across the entirety of its health and care commissioning arrangements, resource allocation and those other functions which influence to the wider determinants of health. In the original Terms of Reference, the committee was charged with oversight of all commissioning functions that are the responsibilities of the CCG and council (in relation to its health and care functions across children's, adults and public health functions).
- 3.5 The original intention for this group was that it should grow and include representatives from what had traditionally been thought of as "provider services", including VCSE representation, as partners to the Board, but at the time this was complicated by the lines around commissioner/provider split and not progressed.
- 3.6 Due to the pressures on capacity created by the Covid-19 pandemic, work to develop the programme for the commissioning board did not develop at the intended pace, but the intention has always been to progress this and it now feels like the appropriate time to reinvigorate the arrangements, and ensure participation from providers.
- 3.7 Given the lapse in time, and the changes to context, legal advice was sought from Bevan Brittan to ensure that the decision-making mechanisms were robust. The key points of the advice were that the committee should be maintained as a Committee of the CCG with Council membership, and provision for the Council members to take decisions on behalf of the Council where they have the delegated authority to do so. It was also confirmed that it would be appropriate to fully involve provider partners as this represented low risk of challenge.
- 3.8 On this basis, the commissioning committee will be reconvened, and work to deliver a work programme that will secure an effective placed based partnership for Portsmouth to enable delegated decision making for Health and Care Portsmouth from Integrated Care Board (ICB)

3.9 Alongside the work to move forward the joint commissioning arrangements, we continue to engage widely across the local health and care system to develop the unique place-based nature for the city, including working to refresh the Blueprint for Health and Care, developing the prospectus that sets out our local governance arrangements and starting to articulate how we believe the city needs to operate to effectively support the Integrated Care Board as it develops. Further reports on the work will be presented to the November Health and Wellbeing Board.

4. Reasons for recommendations

4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board has previously approved Terms of Reference for the joint commissioning committee. The recommendations ensure that these objectives can be robustly delivered, taking account of the new context for health services in the light of the White Paper and the emerging Health Bill.

5. Integrated impact assessment

5.1 An integrated impact assessment is not required as the recommendations do not directly impact on service or policy delivery. Any changes made arising from this report would be subject to investigation in their own right.

6. Legal implications

6.1 Legal considerations have been taken into account in the preparation of this report and where appropriate embodied within it.

7. Director of Finance's comments

7.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

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Appendices: n/a

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/
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