



WEST OXFORDSHIRE
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Name and date of Committee	EXECUTIVE - 19 APRIL 2023
Subject	INTEGRATED CARE STRATEGY FOR BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE AND BERKSHIRE WEST (BOB ICS)
Wards affected	All
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Summary/Purpose	To present the new Integrated Care Strategy for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) and seek Executive's endorsement of it.
Annexes	Annex A – Integrated Care Strategy for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire (West)
Recommendation(s)	That the Executive resolves to: <i>a) Endorse the BOB Integrated Care Strategy</i>
Corporate priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Putting Residents First● A Good Quality of Life for All● A Better Environment for People and Wildlife● Responding to the Climate and Ecological Emergency● Working Together for West Oxfordshire
Key Decision	No

Exempt	No
Consultees/ Consultation	Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West Integrated Care Board has conducted a consultation exercise in line with national guidance.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 This has been a year of significant change in the Health system. From July 2022 new organisations and partnerships under the umbrella title ‘Integrated Care Systems’ were introduced. As part of this structure, Integrated Care Boards (ICB) have been formed replacing the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG).
- 1.2 This is the new NHS body that receives funds from NHS England and in our area, plans and buys services for Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire’s three westerly local authority areas of West Berkshire, Reading and Wokingham (known as ‘Berkshire West’) – referred to as the BOB area.
- 1.3 The Health and Care Act 2022 documented new statutory requirements for the ICB, one of which is to produce an Integrated Care Strategy (ICS) for the BOB area, as explained in guidance published by the DHSC in July 2022.
- 1.4 As part of the ‘Integrated Care System’ an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) is formed to bring together all the key providers of health and care services in the BOB area. Members include local NHS organisations and GPs, local authorities, public health, Healthwatch, care providers, voluntary and community groups, as well as academic and research partners. Across Oxfordshire Chief Executives from all Councils have made a commitment to this.
- 1.5 The ICP will be responsible for the implementation of the Integrated Care Strategy. This strategy builds on our current joint local health and wellbeing strategies. These have been developed between NHS, local authority and other partners at local authority level. The ICP has worked with members of our partner organisations, the voluntary sector, and others to understand their areas of focus and ambitions.
- 1.6 The ICP also asked local people and partner organisations to share their views on the draft priorities and this feedback has been used to shape this strategy. A public consultation period closed on the 27th January 2023.

2. INTEGRATED CARE STRATEGY

- 2.1 The vision of the strategy is *‘for everyone who lives in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and the Berkshire West area, to have the best possible start in life, to live happier, healthier lives for longer, and to be able to access the right support when they need it’*.
- 2.2 The strategy sets out a series of guiding principles:
 - Preventing ill-health
 - Tackling health inequalities

- Providing person centred care
- Supporting local delivery
- Improving the join up between our services

2.3 There are five areas of strategic priority where the ICP expects to do more together, locally and across the health and care system, to improve health and wellbeing in a manner that is fair and inclusive. These five areas are described below:



2.4 These strategic priorities are further broken down into a series of 19 priorities for action. These are:

Promoting and protecting health

- Take action to address the factors that influence our health and wellbeing
- Reduce the proportion of people smoking across BOB
- Reduce the proportion of people who are a healthy weight and physically active, especially in our most deprived areas and in younger people
- Reduce the proportion of people drinking alcohol at levels that are harmful to their health and wellbeing
- Protect people from infectious disease by preventing infections in all our health and care settings and delivering national and local immunisation programmes

Start Well

- Improve early years outcomes for all children, particularly working with communities experiencing the poorest outcomes
- Improve emotional, mental health and wellbeing for children and young people

- Improve the support for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, and for their families and carers
- Support young adults to move from child centred to adult services

Live Well

- Improve mental health by improving access to and experience of relevant services, especially for those at higher risk of poor mental health
- Reduce the number of people developing cardiovascular disease (heart disease and stroke) by reducing the risk factors, particularly for groups at higher risk
- Increase cancer screening and early diagnosis rates with a particular focus on addressing inequalities in access and outcomes

Age Well

- Support people to remain healthy, independent, and connected within their communities
- Provide personalized and joined up care for people as their care needs increase and become more complex
- Improve support for carers

Improving quality and access to services

- Develop strong integrated neighbourhood teams so that people's needs can be met in local communities
- Reduce and eliminate long waits for our planned services, and address variation in access across the system
- Support the consistent development of our urgent care services to reduce demand and support timely access
- Improve access and experience of palliative and end of life services to enable people of all ages to die well

2.5 Full details are set out in the Integrated Care Strategy, which is included as Annex A.

3. WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT

3.1 The Council has been keen to engage and actively participate in the discussion and shaping of the new Integrated Care strategy. We recognise that to enable the system as a whole to have an impact on local health issues, in particular in the areas of deprivation and health inequalities across the district, it's critical that key work strands connect and align to tackle the wider determinants of health - such as housing, unemployment, education, lifestyle choices and access to food and green spaces.

3.2 The Council has responsibilities across a number of areas considered 'wider determinants' and therefore has a significant role to play in the prevention of poor health and wellbeing.

This is reflected in the priority 'Enabling a Good Quality of Life for All' in our recently adopted Council Plan 2023-2027.

4. NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 The Integrated Care Partnership will be developing Delivery plans for each priority area over the coming weeks and months. The Council will seek to engage in all relevant discussions moving forward.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications for the Council in endorsing the Integrated Care Strategy.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal implications for the Council in endorsing the Integrated Care Strategy.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 There are no risks for the Council in endorsing the Integrated Care Strategy.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 8.1 The Integrated Care Strategy is concerned with high level priorities at system level across the "BOB". 23. Inequality is a key focus for the ICS and is reflected within the Strategy

9. CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no climate change implications in endorsing the Integrated Care Strategy.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 10.1 There are no background papers.

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