

Walsall Council – Health and Wellbeing Board

Refresh of the Black Country ICB Joint Forward Plan

1. Purpose

To provide Health and Wellbeing Board members with information about the refresh of the Black Country ICBs Joint Forward Plan and provide assurance that the refreshed plan as attached at Appendix A supports delivery of the Board's Strategic priorities.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Health and Wellbeing Board Members note the process of refreshing the ICBs Joint Forward Plan.
- 2.2. That Health and wellbeing Board Members confirm support for the refreshed document as presented in Draft at Appendix A of the report.

3. Report detail

- 3.1 All ICBs and their partner NHS Trusts were required to prepare a Joint Forward Plan in conjunction with wider system partners covering the period 2023 to 2028. The plan must set out how the ICB will fulfil its statutory requirements and duties, address local needs and needs to align with the priorities, and targets set out in the Operational Planning Guidance and the Long-Term Plan.
- 3.2 The NHS Black Country Joint Forward Plan (JFP) was published and reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board in June 2023 and was developed in a range of accessible formats and can be accessed on the ICB website at <https://blackcountry.icb.nhs.uk/about-us/our-priorities/our-5-year-joint-forward-plan>.
- 3.3 The full JFP for 2023-28 (190-page version) was constructed to meet national and local planning requirements and was assured in full by NHSE. A 'shorter-read' version was subsequently developed which is the version of the plan utilised by the System.
- 3.3 The Joint Forward Plan was shared with members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to provide assurance that the strategic plan for the NHS is aligned with and supports the delivery of priorities set out in your Health and Wellbeing Strategy. A statement of support was received in response from each Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 3.4 Updated 'Joint Forward Plan' guidance was published on the 22 December 2023, which set out the requirement to publish a refreshed plan by the 31 March 2024.

- 3.5 The focus of the refresh will be on the shorter read version of the plan, reflecting progress to date and providing an opportunity to incorporate new Health and Wellbeing Board priorities.
- 3.6 The Joint Forward Plan contains a specific section on Walsall Place which has been developed in consultation with Walsall Together and the Walsall Integrated Commissioning Committee which bring health and social care leaders into a joint dialogue.
- 3.7 Engagement with wider stakeholders and the public on the content of the draft plan is currently underway and will close on 15 March 2024, All feedback will be collated to help inform the final version the plan ahead of publication on the 31 March 2024.

4. Implications for Joint Working arrangements:

4.1 Financial implications:

None identified.

4.2 Legal implications:

ICBs are required to refresh their Joint Forward Plan in consultation with partners and Health and Wellbeing Boards.

4.3 Other Resource implications

None identified.

5. Health and Wellbeing Board Priorities - impact:

5.1 The ICB Joint Forward Plan sets out how the NHS will contribute to the delivery of Health and Wellbeing Board priorities. Strong alignment exists between the priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Joint Forward Plan priorities which are:

- Improving access and quality of care
- Care closer to home
- Prevention of ill health and tackling health inequalities
- Best start in life
- Best place to work

5.2 The priorities as set above incorporate the Marmot objectives.

5.3 Access and quality is a key theme within the refreshed Joint Forward Plan and incorporates safeguarding.

Background papers

None

Appendices:

JFP 2024 Refresh Summary
JFP Delivery Plan

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