

Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting: 1 November 2023

Subject of Report: Development of the Joint Forward Plan

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Recommendations

For discussion

1. Background

The Health & Care Act 2022 requires each Integrated Care Board (ICB) in England, and their partner NHS trusts and foundation trusts, to produce and publish a Joint Forward Plan (JFP). As well as setting out how the ICB intends to meet the health needs of the population within its area, the JFP is expected to be a delivery plan for the integrated care strategy of the local Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and relevant joint local health and wellbeing strategies (JLHWSs), whilst addressing universal NHS commitments. As such, the JFP should provide a bridge between the ambitions described in the Integrated Care Strategy developed by the ICP and the detailed operational and financial requirements contained in NHS planning submissions.

The attached slide summarises the process to develop the next iteration of the Joint Forward Plan as per national guidance. The national guidance and principles for development of the Joint Forward Plan includes:

- The need to be fully aligned with wider system ambitions
- Supports subsidiarity by building on existing local strategies and plans, as well as reflecting the universal NHS commitments.
- Delivery focused, including specific objectives, trajectories, and milestones.

2. Details

At the time of developing the first Joint Forward Plan, the Strategy was not completed, therefore a pragmatic approach was taken to collate existing plans. The first BNSSG Joint Forward Plan was structured around the responsibilities of the Health and Care Improvement Groups (HCIGs), including links to the relevant HWB strategies.

Key elements of our plan include:

- Health and Wellbeing Board Plans x 3
- Improving the lives of our children
- Improving the lives of people in our communities
- Improving the lives of people with mental health conditions, learning disability, and autism
- Improving our acute healthcare services
- Enablers (workforce, digital, estates, etc)

Now we have the opportunity to ensure that the plans are aligned to the ICS Strategy, therefore, a template has been shared with relevant contributors to ensure that their plans

have clearer contributions to either the ICS aims, the 9 strategic commitments or the outcomes framework. The deadline for completion of the templates is **20th December 2023**, to be returned to the ICB Planning Team: bnssg.planning@nhs.net

Drop-in sessions are being delivered twice a week by the ICB planning team to support relevant colleagues as appropriate.

3. Consultation

The ICB recognise the importance of incorporating plans delivered by Local Authorities and the VCSE when they are not clearly stated within the Local Partnership Plans and/or the relevant Health and Care Improvement Groups' plans.

In order to improve the integration and visibility of wider plans that contribute to the ICS Strategy, we would like members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider the following:

1. How can we effectively integrate the Local Authority's and VCSE's plans into this System-wide process?
2. Should the Health and Wellbeing Board plans continue to be presented separately or integrated with the Localities Partnership plans?
3. How can we improve visibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board, VCSE and Localities' plans impact system-wide? (Including the process to monitor and assess the plans)

We would like to remind all members of the Health and Wellbeing Board that the Health and Care Improvement Groups (HCIGs) should include representation from Local Authorities and Voluntary sector as well, therefore, it is the first point for discussion on integration by all partners. There are obviously other groups that this could be raised and escalated in case HCIGs are not able to address relevant issues, however, HCIGs should be the main forum for discussion.

There is also an opportunity to discuss interdependencies and integration between relevant plans delivered by different partners at the next Planning Day being organised by the ICB Planning team on 20th November. It is advised that this opportunity is taken by the Local Authorities and VCSEs who may not have been part of system-wide processes before. The planning team should be contacted should this be taken forward: bnssg.planning@nhs.net

4. Equality Implications

The JFP includes plans to address inequalities in outcomes, experience and access to healthcare. Identifying, understanding, and addressing the drivers of health inequalities within our diverse population is a fundamental reason as to why the System Strategy has been developed.

The Joint Forward Plan takes account of the Public Sector Equality Duty, Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 and the NHS Act 2006.

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Appendices: JFP slide pack (attached)