

DUDLEY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Agenda Item no. 8(c)

DATE	14 th March 2024
TITLE OF REPORT	Black Country Integrated Care Board Joint Forward Plan Refresh
Organisation and Author	Mr N Bucktin – Dudley Managing Director – Black Country Integrated Care Board
Purpose	To update the Board on the Black Country Joint Forward Plan Refresh
Background	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 set out how the ICB fulfils its statutory requirements and duties, addresses local needs and aligns with the priorities, and targets set out in the NHS Operational Planning Guidance and the NHS Long-Term Plan. 2. 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.
Key Points	Engagement will be undertaken with wider stakeholders and the public on the content of the draft plan which was published on the ICB website on 27 February 2024. The engagement period will run until 15 March 2024. People Panel meetings scheduled during March 2024 will also look at the draft plan. All feedback will be collated to help inform the final version the plan ahead of publication on the 31 March 2024.

Emerging issues for discussion	The Board will need to consider whether the draft plan takes account of the Joint Health, Wellbeing and Inequalities Strategy.
Key asks of the Board/wider system	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the refreshed Joint Forward Plan be noted. 2. That the Board be invited to comment as necessary on the refreshed Joint Forward Plan.
Contribution to H&WBB key goals:	The Dudley element of the plan takes account of the Joint Health, Wellbeing and Inequalities Strategy priorities.
Contribution to Dudley Vision 2030	A place of healthy, resilient, safe communities with high aspirations and the ability to shape their own future.

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Black County ICB Joint Forward Plan refresh.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 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 set out how the ICB fulfils its statutory requirements and duties, addresses local needs and aligns with the priorities, and targets set out in the NHS Operational Planning Guidance and the NHS Long-Term Plan.
- 2.2 The NHS Black Country Joint Forward Plan (JFP) was published 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>.
- 2.3 The full JFP for 2023-28 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.
- 2.3 The Joint Forward Plan was shared with the Board in draft form earlier in the year to provide assurance that it is aligned with and supports the delivery of priorities set out in the Dudley Joint Health, Wellbeing, and Inequalities Strategy. A statement of support was received from this Board.

3.0 REFRESH OF PLAN

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The focus of the refresh will be on the shorter read version of the plan, reflecting progress we have made to date as well taking into account other related strategies and plans.

4.0 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1 A joint engagement session will be held with Chief Executives of NHS Trusts and Councils.
- 4.2 Engagement will be undertaken with wider stakeholders and the public on the content of the draft plan which was published on the ICB website on 27 February 2024. The engagement period will run until 15 March 2024. People Panel meetings scheduled during March 2024 will also look at the draft plan. All feedback will be collated to help inform the final version the plan ahead of publication on the 31 March 2024.
- 4.3 An update will be provided to the Board in due course.

5.0 KEY RISKS

- 5.1 The delay in publication of 2024/2025 NHS Operational Planning Guidance prevents full alignment of our 2024/2025 Operational Plan with our Joint Forward Plan refresh due to the publication deadline of the refresh being the 31 March 2024. It is intended to address this post refresh by undertaking a fuller mid-year review of the Joint Forward Plan later this year.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 That the refreshed Joint Forward Plan be noted.
- 6.2 That the Board be invited to comment as necessary on the refreshed Joint Forward Plan.