

Development of integrated care partnerships

Purpose of report

For information.

Summary

This report summarises the proposed role of integrated care partnerships (ICPs) in the new health and care landscape, updates the Board on action taken by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), LGA and NHS England in respect of ICPs and sets out the questions on which DHSC seek the Community Wellbeing Board's views.

Philippa Baker from the DHSC Health and Care Bill Team will present the interim findings of the DHSC engagement exercise on integrated care partnerships for the purposes of hearing the views of the Community Wellbeing Board. Anton Obholzer NHSE Deputy Director for Integrated Care System Strategy and Policy IPC development for NHSE will also be in attendance.

Recommendation

That the Community Wellbeing Board notes this report as setting the context for their discuss with DHSC and NHSE regarding the role of local authorities in ICPs.

Action

By LGA officers as directed by the Board.

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Background

1. The Health and Care Bill, currently in the Lords stages of the legislative process, proposes that all local authorities with adult social care duties and integrated care boards (ICBs) will be required to establish an ICP as a statutory committee of the ICB. The ICP will be required to develop an integrated care strategy, to which all relevant local authorities and the ICB will be required to consider in respect of their commissioning plans.
2. The LGA strongly supports the role and purpose of the ICPs. We continue to work with DHSC and NHSE in developing the policy framework for integrated care systems.
3. Key to shaping this framework is the ICP engagement document, developed by DHSC, NHSE and the LGA and published in 2021: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-care-partnership-icp-engagement-document/integrated-care-partnership-icp-engagement-document-integrated-care-system-ics-implementation> . Throughout 2021, the LGA supported DHSC in the engagement process to capture the views of local authority and other stakeholders on the role of ICPs and the contribution of local authorities to their effectiveness.
4. Philippa Baker from the DHSC Health and Care Bill Team will present the interim findings of the DHSC engagement exercise on ICPs for the purposes of hearing the views of the Community Wellbeing Board. Anton Obholzer NHSE Deputy Director for Integrated Care System Strategy and Policy IPC development for NHSE will also be in attendance to provide information on NHSE action to support the effective implementation of ICPs.

Key questions on which DHSC and NHSE seek CWB views

5. DHSC and NHSE are keen to capture the views of senior local government stakeholders in the continued development of the policy framework for ICPs. To this end, they would value the views of CWB on the following questions:
 - 5.1. To what extent do the interim findings from the engagement exercise, outlined by Philippa in her presentation, reflect the views of CWB members?
 - 5.2. How well developed is the work to establish the ICP in your area?

- 5.3. To what extent has the process of developing ICPs been a joint endeavour between the NHS and local authorities?
- 5.4. To what extent have other stakeholders (the community and voluntary sector, health and care providers, community representatives etc) been engaged in the development of ICPs?
- 5.5. To what extent are confident that ICPs will be effective in driving a broad system-wide strategy for integrating health and care, improving population health and achieving the best use of health and care resources?
- 5.6. What can DHSC, NHSE and LGA do to support local authorities to be effective partners in ICPs?

Implications for Wales

6. Health policy in Wales is the responsibility of the Welsh Assembly and not affected by the provisions proposed in the Health and Care Bill.

Financial Implications

7. All financial impacts of action arising from this report will be met from existing LGA resources.