

<b>Report title: Update on ICS Joint Forward Plans</b>	
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<b>County Divisions affected:</b> All Essex	

## 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Each ICB is required to refresh and publish their Joint Forward Plans, that were first published in June 2023, by 31st March to cover the period 2024-2029. The report to the board is to provide an update on the progress of each of the three Essex facing ICB Joint Forward Plan's (JFP) in refreshing their plans.

## 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To consider the updates provided by leads and provide any feedback on the progress and proposed process.

## 3 Background and Proposal

- 3.1 As mandated by the Health and Care Act 2022, ICBs and partner NHS Trusts /Foundation Trusts must prepare a five-year Joint Forward Plan (JFP) engaging positively with local Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs).
- 3.2 Each Integrated Care Board published their Joint Forward Plans for 2023-2028 in June 2023.
- 3.3 The JFP's developed by all three Integrated Care Boards (ICB) (Suffolk and North East Essex (SNEE), Mid & South Essex (MSE) and Hertfordshire and West Essex (HWE) and their partner trusts describe how they intend to arrange and provide NHS services to meet their population's physical and mental health needs and how it will work with partners across the Integrated Care System to achieve this. This includes consideration for the delivery of universal NHS commitments and addressing the ICS's four core purposes.
- 3.4 As part of the process of developing the JFPs, they have to come to the HWB(s) which are within the geographic area that the JFP covers to engage the HWB in the process and receive opinion. Specifically the guidance describes required engagement with HWBs as follows:

*“ICBs and their partner trusts must send a draft of the JFP to each relevant HWB when initially developing it or undertaking significant revisions or updates. They must consult those HWBs on whether the draft takes proper account of each JLHWS [Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy] published by the HWB that relates to any part of the period to which the JFP relates. A HWB must respond with its opinion and may also send that opinion to us, telling the ICB and its partner trusts it has done so (unless it informed them in advance that it was planning to do so)”*

The draft plans for each ICB were shared with the HWB in 2023 ahead of publication.

- 3.5 Given the relative short time frame since the initial JFP's were published each ICB has taken a light touch approach to updating them for 2024-2029.

## **4 Options**

- 4.1 N/A

## **5 Financial implications**

- 5.1 Both JFP's set out the respective ICB's five-year plan and includes a section on Finances. The paper itself though is not asking for financial investment.

## **6 Legal implications**

- 6.1 None identified

## **7 Equality and Diversity implications**

- 7.1 None identified

## **8 List of appendices**

- 8.1 None

## **9 List of Background papers**

HWE ICB Joint Forward Plan [Hertfordshire and West Essex Joint Forward Plan 2023 - 2028 – Hertfordshire and West Essex NHS ICB](#)

MSE ICB Joint Forward Plan [Joint Forward Plan - Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System \(ics.nhs.uk\)](#)

SNEE [Joint Forward Plan | Lets Talk SNEE](#)