

Report title: Update from Integrated Care Systems	
Report to: Essex Health and Wellbeing Board	
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1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report is provided to the Essex County Council Health and Wellbeing Board to provide a short written update on the activities of the three Integrated Care Systems that interact with ECC.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is asked to note to update.

3 Updates from the Integrated Care Systems

Board members will be aware that the Health and Care Bill has now received Royal Assent meaning that integrated care systems will have statutory status as of 1 July.

Hertfordshire & West Essex ICS

- **Integrated Care Board** We have completed the recruitment process for Four Designate Non-Executive Director appointments; the Designate statutory Executive posts of Chief Finance Officer, Medical Director, Chief Nursing Officer and the other 4 Designate Board Executive roles – Director of Primary Care, Director of Strategy, Director of Performance and Director of Operations; also chief of staff and chief people officer.
- **Transition assurance:** the ICS continues its assurance processes with NHS England regarding the Readiness to Operate process and System Development Plan. HWE has received a positive assessment and is well placed to meet the requirements to commence on 1 July 2022.
- Colleagues across Essex CC, Herts. CC and HWE ICS have been working together to develop plans for the **Integrated Care Partnership (ICP)** and a proposed approach will be presented at the shadow ICS Board on 16th May.

- **Levelling Up in Harlow:** West Essex area has begun work as part of a national development programme for place-based working. The partnership has selected the Harlow population as the basis for the pilot to bring together all partners to improve outcomes. A Harlow levelling up information pack has been prepared, led by colleagues at ECC to define the key assets and opportunities. ECC, CCG and Harlow district council colleagues have formed a Harlow levelling up steering group to develop short- and long-term direction for the Levelling Up agenda.

Mid & South Essex ICS

- Preparations for the statutory ICS continue. The three non-executive members have now been appointed to the MSE integrated care board and partner member appointments are now underway. Once these board positions are filled, the ICB will hold induction sessions with the new Board before its first meeting on 1 July.
- Arrangements for the integrated care partnership continue to be discussed between the Chair designate and the three upper tier local authority health and wellbeing board chairs. We are mindful that there may be some change in health and wellbeing chair roles due to local elections in Southend and Thurrock. The ICP will need to develop an integrated care strategy for the population of MSE, with an indicative timeline of December 2022.
- The ICS held a workshop on 26 April, led by the three directors of public health to help the ICS develop ways of measuring progress towards its ambitions to reduce health inequality, support health and wellbeing, bring care closer to home and transform and improve our services. The event demonstrated the alignment in thinking across the ICS and the joint health and wellbeing strategies of our three upper tier Local Authorities, and helped partners to think through short-, medium-, and long-term actions and ambitions that we could work on together through the ICP.
- The ICS has commissioned Healthwatch Essex to run a research project to inform our engagement strategy for the new ICS. The research will culminate in a report for the ICS that will enable us to consider how best to form and deliver our people and communities strategy.
- The ICS will be running two summits to enable us to take stock of our current operational pressure arrangements and consider the improvements required and innovative methods we may utilise to manage forthcoming surges in demand for services. These will be multi-agency events, involving Partnership Board members as well as operational leads.
- Preparations continue for a virtual event to launch the ICS, taking place on 28-30 June. The aim of the event is to celebrate our work in partnership thus far, and showcase the work that all of our partners are undertaking to support our residents, based around our partnership ambitions to: reduce health inequalities; create opportunities; support health and wellbeing; bring care closer to home; and transform and improve our services.

Suffolk & North East Essex ICS

- Suffolk and North East Essex ICS is in a good position to implement the new arrangements in the Health and Care Bill. We have shared a draft overall ICS

Design Framework which we are continuing to use to engage all stakeholders in how we will continue to work together across the NHS, Local Government and VCSE sector as a statutory ICS. Healthwatch in both Essex and Suffolk are leading on engaging the public in relation to transition to new arrangements.

- NHS England fed back positively following an assurance process on plans to transfer from our CCGs to the new NHS Integrated Care Board (ICB). The three new Non-Executive Members (NEMs) of the NHS ICB are currently undertaking induction and getting to know stakeholders across the system.
- Cllr. Spence, Essex County Council, Cllr. Reid, Suffolk County Council and Professor Will Pope, Chair of the NHS ICB have been working with Susannah Howard as ICP Director (Designate) to develop plans for the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). An initial draft constitution has been shared with stakeholders and will be discussed at the ICS Board on 13th May.
- The ICS will mark the first date for the new statutory system with an inclusive event for all stakeholders '*Can Do Health and Care Expo2022*' which will take place on Friday 1 July 2022 at Newmarket Racecourse. The event will include keynote speakers, exhibition zones, workshops and demonstrations and the first formal meetings of the new statutory mechanisms in the system.
- Recruitment is underway for a Chair for the SNEE ICS VCSE Assembly. The ICS VCSE Design Panel are also currently leading two projects to review the VCSE Workforce and also next steps for the VCSE Resilience Charter.
- The ICS has launched its ICS Film Competition for 2022 on the theme of '*Walk the Talk*' seeking entries from people across Suffolk and North East Essex sharing their lived experience through the media of film.
- The series of '*Thinking Differently Together*' online events has continued with a event in April attended by around 170 people looking at the use of population health management particularly in primary care. The next event on 18 May will consider the question "*What will it take to create a genuinely equal, diverse and inclusive workforce in health and care?*"
- We have recently submitted the first-year report on our '*Community Ambition*' programme to NHS Charities Together sharing the achievements and experiences of the grass roots organisations funded through the programme.