

Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes Integrated Care Board Meeting on 30 June 2023

On 30 June 2023, the Board met in the Council Chamber of Central Bedfordshire Council.

Ahead of the ICB's first Birthday on 1 July, the [Chair, Dr Rima Makarem](#), set out the ICB's achievements in its first year of operation alongside the major challenges faced in the year ahead.

The Chief Executive provided an update on proposed changes to the Target Operating Model for the ICB.

There were no questions from the public.

The following items were discussed:

1. **Resident's story** – members heard directly from a Luton resident who was diagnosed with a brain tumour in 2021 and received primary, secondary and tertiary care, which, at times, were not well integrated. The Board discussed the importance of taking a personalised approach to delivering care, and the digital solutions that could better help patients to navigate through a complex health and care system in a user-friendly, supportive and more joined-up way.
2. **The Denny Review** – The Board welcomed the findings of the Denny Review into Health Inequalities and recognised the collective responsibility they have in delivering the recommendations outlined by Reverend Lloyd Denny. Members acknowledged the cultural shift required to respond effectively and the need to continue listening to seldom asked residents. The Board delegated responsibility for approving the full Report to the Working with People and Communities Committee later this year.
3. **Inequalities Funding** – members debated and agreed the proposal to delegate £500k inequalities funding to each Place to ensure that funding is available to meet the greatest needs of the population locally, noting that this did not set a precedent for the delegation of other funds. The Board also supported an allocation of funding to implement the recommendations from the Denny Review.

4. **BLMK Joint Forward Plan** – Following extensive engagement with partners, the Board formally approved the Joint Forward Plan for 2023-2040. The report has been published onto the BLMK Health and Care Partnership [website](#). The Joint Forward Plan focuses on the needs of all residents, and given the pace of population growth across BLMK, extends its outlook to 2040. The plan reflects insights from local people, generated from extensive engagement with residents and wider partners from the last 12 months.
5. **Memorandum of Understanding with Healthwatch** – The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the ICB and Healthwatch, recognising the important role that Healthwatch has as a strategic partner to the ICB. They welcomed the opportunity to forge a more formal relationship with Healthwatch to ensure the voice of residents is included in decision making and in recognition of Healthwatch's statutory role.
6. **Financial and operational reports** – members received formal updates from quality and performance, finance and governance, and approved Section 75 agreements with Luton and MK Councils. The Board also received updates from the four places on their work programmes and reviewed the Board Assurance Framework, agreeing to consider including a new risk based on the experiences highlighted in the resident story and the Denny Review about the challenges residents face accessing and navigating health services in the system.

The next meeting of the Integrated Care Board will be at 9am on 29 September at the Town Hall, Luton Council, Luton LU1 2BQ.

Members of the public and partner organisations are welcome to join in person or on-line. We ask that questions to the Board from members of the public are submitted two days in advance.

Board papers and a link to join the meeting is available [here](#) a week before the meeting.

The Board meeting on 29 September will also include our Annual General Meeting (AGM). More information about the AGM will be published in due course.

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