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ICS Partner: Members of Place Based Partnerships

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Report to the: Board of the Integrated Care Board in Public

Item: 8.1 – Update from Place Based Partnerships

1.0 Executive Summary

1.1 This provides an update on key issues from the four places in BLMK, Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 The members are asked to note the update from the four Places in BLMK.

3.0 Key Implications

Resourcing	✓
Equality / Health Inequalities	✓
Engagement	✓
Green Plan Commitments	✓

3.1 Each Place has identified specific priorities to meet the needs of local residents, to address health inequalities, the wider determinants of health and the green plan commitments.

3.2 The Chief Executives in Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes have been consulted on the Place update contained at Appendix A.

4.0 Report

4.1 Since the last Board meeting on 30 June 2023, partnership working continues to be strengthened in Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes with reports from the ICB presented to the Health and Wellbeing Boards . The Place update at Appendix A provides an update on areas of progress and key issues at Place and Health and Wellbeing Board meetings.

5.0 Next Steps

5.1 Not applicable

List of appendices

Appendix A – Place update

Appendix A PLACE update for Board of ICB

1. Bedford Borough

The Borough's Health and Wellbeing Board met on 20 September and a summary of the items and discussion is given below:

Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The Board considered the draft Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy for 2024-2027. The Board heard that health inequalities were a particular issue in Bedford Borough, where the life expectancy of an adult male was 15 years less in the most deprived ward compared to the least deprived ward; and for adult females the difference was 11 years. The draft Strategy focuses on improving health and wellbeing of residents and reducing health inequalities by strengthening five 'building blocks of health': inclusive employment; healthy communities; healthy homes; early years and a sustainable built and natural environment. The next step will be to consult and engage widely on the draft Strategy before it is signed-off by the Board at a future meeting.

Winter Planning, Influenza and COVID-19 Immunisation

The Board received an update from the ICB on winter planning, including the progress of the influenza and COVID-19 vaccination programmes. The Board was advised of the steps that were being taken locally to manage the expected winter pressures, and were told that seasonal influenza and COVID-19 vaccination programmes had been brought forward in a precautionary response to the emerging BA.2.86 variant. Vaccination had started in Bedford Borough care homes on 11 September 2023, and other eligible cohorts had commenced on 18 September 2023.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The Board received a demonstration of the new Joint Strategic Needs Assessment web platform <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/bedford-borough-jsna-0>. The new platform provides a suite of public health intelligence products in one place, and interactive dashboards enable users to interrogate local data on health and wellbeing, in some cases down to a ward or Medium Super Output Area level.

Better Care Fund – 2022-23 outturn and 2023-25 Plan

The Board noted the final submission of the Plan for 2023-25.

The Bedford Borough Place Executive Delivery Group (EDG) also reported to the Board on its work to support the delivery of the Place Based Plan, including:

- **Primary care estates**

A Primary Care Estates Board has been constituted and held its first meeting. An update report will be presented to the Council's Executive meeting on 18 October 2023.

- **Place Lead**

A new post had been created and filled for a Bedford Borough Place Lead, to facilitate closer working between the Council and the ICB.

- **Employment and health**

The EDG received an update on the Health and Care Seminar held on 21 July 2023 on employment and health. The EDG agreed that the new Place Lead would take forward any local actions emerging from seminar.

2. Central Bedfordshire

The Central Bedfordshire HWB is due to meet on 4 October and due to report deadlines an update report from the ICB has been submitted summarising key issues discussed at the ICB Board on 30 June 2023.

The Central Bedfordshire Place Board is due to meet on 28 September and a verbal report will be given at the meeting.

3. Luton

Luton at Place Board 12.09.23.

3.1 Access to affordable credit is a priority for Luton

- Proposal to work in partnership with Money Matters (a member owned co-operative not for profit organisation) and work with the community to scale up access to affordable credit and financial literacy.

3.2 The Luton at Place Board agreed the proposals for the use of the **Core20Plus5 funding.**

- Proposals included work around neighbourhoods, community networks, early intervention and prevention, a food bank, Luton Community Trust pilot, family food first obesity programme to be reestablished, warm healthy houses, health services transport solutions and training the community, health literacy. Other proposals will be maintained and may be able to be developed through other funding streams.

3.3 Strengthening Adult Social Care Programme

- Luton ASC preparing for an assessment by the CQC as part of a new government plan with a focus on outcomes, performance and delivery. This will present opportunities to shape and change the way we work. The ASC Improvement Plan will include developing the neighbourhood model and community hubs, partnership working with L&D colleagues

3.4 Serious Games

- The health needs for the aging population is prioritised and a full day with large venue will be required.
- The Gaming methodology will have the ability to connect health, housing and social care. Learning from Southwark Council's planned event to be shared with the Place Board members.

Luton Health and Wellbeing Board is due to meet on 16 October 2023.

4. Milton Keynes

The Milton Keynes Joint Leadership Team's key areas of focus have been:

- Commissioning an external review of the place based strategy and partnership approach in Milton Keynes. This review will conclude in October and it is proposed that the final report is presented to the ICB board in December after its consideration by the MK Health and Care Partnership in November.
- The implementation of the business case for the expansion of the virtual ward and the development of a single point of access to improve system flow and care for more residents in the community.
- Integrated working between the Council and CNWL with an initial focus on working better together to support Looked After Children
- Preparing for the launch of the Digital Wearables project in October as part of the Tackling Obesity priority.

The MK Health and Care Partnership met on 20 September and:

- Considered the Denny Review into Health Inequalities with a particular focus on the MK findings.
- Discussed the BLMK Health and Employment Seminar which had been well received and considered the actions agreed on the day by the Milton Keynes Place representatives.

- Reviewed progress on the delivery of the active MK Deal priorities (improving system flow, tackling obesity and children and young people's mental health) detailed reports are available on the Mk Health and Care Partnership webpage <https://milton-keynes.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MId=6893&x=1>
- Formally accepted the proposed Bletchley Pathfinder model of locality/neighbourhood working (slides available in above link) and agreed that the Bletchley Pathfinder should be included in the MK Deal.

The ICB is requested to note the above update and to continue to support delivery of the MK Deal priorities with relevant staff resources.

The ICB is also asked to agree the MK Health and Care Partnership recommendation for the Bletchley Pathfinder to become the 5th MK Deal priority.