

Bath & North East Somerset Council	
MEETING	Health and Wellbeing Board
MEETING DATE:	6 February 2024
TITLE:	BSW ICS Implementation Plan 2025/26
WARD:	All
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1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 Every Integrated Care Board (ICB) in England is required to produce an updated Joint Forward Plan (JFP) setting out how the ICB and NHS partners in each system will implement their Integrated Care Strategy and meet their legal duties to their population in 2025/26;
- 1.2 As part of this requirement ICBs and partner trusts are subject to a general legal duty in involve each Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in the geographical area with particular reference as to how the ICB proposes to implement the relevant Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategies (JLHWS);
- 1.3 In the BaNES, Swindon & Wiltshire (BSW) system partners have called the JFP the Implementation Plan for the BSW Strategy and present work across all partners rather than only NHS partners; - this has been the case since 2023.
- 1.4 The two previous iterations of the Implementation Plan have both been reviewed by the Health and Wellbeing Boards in BSW.
- 1.5 Those Board meetings have supported the Implementation Plan and in some instances delegated the approval of the Plan to the Chair of their respective Health and Wellbeing Board in consultation with a senior local authority representative and the ICB Place Director.
- 1.6 The 2025/26 approach for the Implementation Plan is now being brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board to set out the path to publication at the end of March 2025 and the opportunities for feedback until that date.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to;

- a. Note the attached slide deck setting out the pathway and approach to the 2025/26 Implementation Plan refresh.
- b. Encourages Board members to participate in the feedback process once open.
- c. Delegates opinion and approval of the Plan to the Chair of the Board in consultation with their chosen local authority representative and the ICB Place Director.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 The ICB is setting out the approach to the Implementation Plan for 2025/26 and the timeline to publication. There are opportunities for engagement and feedback that members of the Board are invited to participate in. The required publication date does not align with the Health and Wellbeing Board dates and an agreed process for review and Health and Wellbeing Board response is essential to ensure the governance requirements are achieved.
- 3.2 Responding to feedback from public and colleagues, and the regional NHS England team, the format and layout of the Implementation Plan is being revised to take a more reader-friendly approach and one that ensures the plan is easier to understand and use. The content and level of detail will be simplified, supported by clearly defined Delivery Groups. Readers should expect to see a significant difference between the previous plan and the 2025/26 version.
- 3.3 It should be noted that this does not diminish or reduce the breadth of the work across the system which is ongoing.
- 3.4 The Integrated Care Alliances have agreed high level priority areas to include in the Plan and are currently working through a series of steps to refine and set out the specific objectives and working arrangements. These are in addition to the other responsibilities of the ICAs – please refer to the accompanying slide deck.
- 3.5 There is planned workshop for Alliance partners in B&NES to further refine and develop the priority objectives on the 31st January 2025.
- 3.6 An evidence based Outcomes Framework is currently in development across the system which will form part of the Plan's evaluation process.
- 3.7 During February, a full draft version of the Implementation Plan will be made available to the members of the BSW Health and Wellbeing Boards. At that time a clear route for feedback on the Plan will be advised such that all members will be able to ensure their views and voices are considered in developing the final version.

- 3.8 Following this feedback process, a summary of the feedback will be shared with Board members and a final version of the Plan will be developed and shared.
- 3.9 If delegation is agreed by the Board, the Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs will be asked for their review and support of the plan via a statement which will be included in it.

3.10 Next Steps

- (1) Decision on delegating Health and Wellbeing Board opinion and support for the plan to the Chair – this meeting.
- (2) Confirmation of the ICA priority area objectives and projects – February 2025
- (3) Circulation of a draft version of the Plan and invitations for feedback – February 2025
- (4) Feedback phase will close and a final version will be circulated to Boards – March 2025
- (5) Final publication – March 31st 2025

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Every Integrated Care Board (ICB) in England is required to produce an updated Joint Forward Plan (JFP) setting out how the ICB and NHS partners in each system will implement their Integrated Care Strategy and meet their legal duties to their population in 2025/26.
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Background papers	
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