

<b>November 2018</b>		<b>ITEM: 9</b>
<b>Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board</b>		
<b>Developing an integrated approach to health and care in Thurrock</b>		
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> All - Commencing in Tilbury and Chadwell	<b>Key Decision:</b> None	
<b>Report of:</b> Andy Vowles		
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> Not Applicable – external report		
<b>Accountable Director:</b> Roger Harris, Corporate Director Adults Housing and Health		
<b>This report is</b> Public		

## **Executive Summary**

Partners across Thurrock have for some time been working together to align and integrate the planning and delivery of health and care services. There are a number of successful joint work programmes in place, including the Better Care Fund.

Statutory and non-statutory partners are keen to build on progress to date and further develop the existing joint working arrangements. To this end, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been developed and is being presented to the HWB and partner agency Boards for consideration and comment during Autumn. It is intended that endorsement of the final MOU is sought in the New Year.

### **1. Recommendation(s)**

#### **1.1** The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Consider and comment upon the draft MOU, provided at Appendix A, with a view to endorsing the final version at its meeting in January 2019

### **2. Introduction and Background**

2.1 In February 2016 Thurrock CCG shared its transformation plan with system partners (through executive to executive meetings and discussions with Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board) to gain support for a partnership approach to improving out of hospital health and the wider wellbeing offer to the population of Thurrock.

- 2.2 Our plan “*For Thurrock in Thurrock*” outlined the vision for providing health and care closer to home in line with our strategic direction and the local Health and Wellbeing Strategy. It also provided the foundation for a commitment to work in partnership to develop a locality based new model of care.
- 2.3 In September 2017 Public Health Thurrock launched “*The Case for Change: A New Model of Care for Tilbury and Chadwell*” underpinned by detailed Tilbury Needs Assessment products. The document set out a vision for transformation of health and care services aimed at three distinct population cohorts: those that are largely healthy but need improved access to episodic care provided by primary care; those with diagnosed and undiagnosed long term conditions; and those with high levels of health and care need.
- 2.4 Endorsed by Thurrock Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November 2017, the new model of care, which complements the *Integrated Medical Centre (IMC)* developments proposed in each locality, is now being piloted in Tilbury and Chadwell and is being held up as an exemplar. It will be replicated across the other three localities in the borough over the next 18 months, subject to decisions taken by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in response to the representations made by Southend Authority on the Mid and South Essex STP.

### **3. Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 We are now at a point where we want to consolidate and embed our partnership arrangements in order to accelerate delivery of our strategy. We have prepared a Memorandum of Understanding which sets out how we will work together. Whilst the MOU is not legally binding, by adopting it organisations will be confirming their intent to work in a collegiate fashion. Working in this way will require the continued deepening of trust across the Thurrock Alliance. To achieve this senior leaders need to be confident that they have the support of their Boards and Governing Bodies.
- 3.3 As a next step, we are exploring producing a formal Alliance Agreement which will set out in much greater detail how we will in partnership plan, commission and provide services to the people of Thurrock. We anticipate that a draft of this agreement will be available by early 2019, so that it can be operational in 2019/20.

### **5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

- 5.1 Consultation continues with Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board, CCG Board and key partner Boards and Governing Bodies

**6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact**

6.1 Community Impact for this Project

6.2 N/A External Report

**7. Implications**

**7.1 Financial**

Implications verified by: **Not Applicable External Report**

**7.2 Legal**

Implications verified by: **Not Applicable External Report**

**7.3 Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: **N/A External Report**

**7.4 Other implications** (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

**8. Background papers used in preparing the report** (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- N/A

**9. Appendices to the report**

- Draft Memorandum of Understanding

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