

<b>10 February 2023</b>		<b>Item 10</b>
<b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>		
<b>Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Strategy</b>		
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> All Essex	<b>Key Decision:</b> Key Decision	
<b>Report of:</b> Jeff Banks - Director of Strategic Partnerships, Mid and South Essex Integrated Care System		
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<b>This report is</b> Public		

## Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present the Integrated Care Strategy produced by the Integrated Care Partnership for Mid and South Essex and:

- For the board to receive and endorse the completed ICS strategy
- For partners to note the priorities and feedback to their respective organisations and networks
- To discuss and consider how to take forward any mutual working, and agree where a whole Essex footprint is required for delivery.
- To identify any areas of significant inconsistency or incompatibility with the JHWS or other key strategies and plans
- To consider how best the ICS and Council can come together to facilitate ongoing collaboration.

### 1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 The Board approves the Integrated Care Strategy and offers observations about how the work is taken forward as appropriate.
- 1.2 The Board endorses initial areas for additional joint working with the Integrated Care Partnership.

## 2. Introduction and Background

- 2.1 The Health and Care Act 2022 (“The Act”) established 42 Integrated Care Systems (ICSs), which are partnerships of organisations that come together to plan and deliver joined up health and care services, and to improve the lives of people who live and work in their area.
- 2.2 Each ICS is made up of two main committees:
- **Integrated Care Board (ICB):** A statutory NHS organisation responsible for developing a plan for meeting the health needs of the population, managing the NHS budget, and arranging for the provision of health services in the Integrated Care System area. The establishment of ICBs resulted in Clinical Commissioning Groups being closed.
  - **Integrated Care Partnership (ICP):** A statutory committee jointly formed between the NHS ICB and all upper-tier local authorities that fall within the ICSs area (councils with responsibility for children’s and adult social care and public health). The ICP will bring together a broad alliance of partners concerned with improving the care, health, and wellbeing of the population, with membership determined locally. The ICP is responsible for producing an Integrated Care Strategy on how to meet the health and wellbeing needs of the population in the Integrated Care System area.
- 1.2 The Act and the associated ‘Guidance on the Preparation of Integrated Care Strategies’, published 29 July 2022 (“Guidance”), requires each Integrated Care Partnership to develop an Integrated Care Strategy which *“should set the direction of the system across the area of the integrated care board and integrated care partnership, setting out how commissioners in the NHS and local authorities, working with providers and other partners, can deliver more joined-up, preventative, and person-centred care for their whole population, across the course of their life”*.
- 1.3 The Act states that ICPs must *“prepare”* and *“publish”* a strategy and *“give a copy of each integrated care strategy to [...] the responsible local authorities whose areas coincide with or fall wholly or partly within its area”* and to the *“the integrated care board for its area”*. The Guidance states that, *“the integrated care partnership would have to publish an initial strategy by December 2022”*.

## 3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

- 3.1 Members are asked to approve the Integrated Care Strategy and proposals for joint working offering comments and observations to help improve the Strategy. This will enable the ICP to move forward with their work, with clear support from the Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board and the comments and observations which they are asked to take into consideration.

## 4. Implications

### 4.1 Financial

Implications verified by: **Jeff Banks – Director of Strategic Partnerships, MSE ICS**

No Financial Impact

### 4.2 Legal

Implications verified by: **Jeff Banks – Director of Strategic Partnerships, MSE ICS**

No legal Impact

### 4.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: **Jeff Banks – Director of Strategic Partnerships, MSE ICS**

No Diversity and Equality impacts

### 4.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder, or Impact on Looked After Children)

No other implications

## 5. 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):

Members may wish to consider the Department of Health & Social Care Statutory guidance on the preparation of integrated care strategies, published 29th July 2022, which is available at this link

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-the-preparationof-integrated-care-strategies/guidance-on-the-preparation-of-integrated-carestrategies>

## 6. Appendices to the report

- **Appendix One:** Mid and South Essex Integrated Care Strategy

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