

# Southend Health & Wellbeing Board

Agenda  
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## Draft Integrated Care Strategy for Mid and South Essex

### Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

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#### 1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Draft Integrated Care Strategy produced by the Mid and South Essex (MSE) Integrated Care Partnership covering the wider Integrated Care System. The objective is:

- For the board to receive and endorse the completed MSE Integrated Care Strategy
- For partners to note the priorities and feedback to their respective organisations and networks
- To consider how best the ICS and Southend-on-Sea City Council and Southend Health & Wellbeing Board can come together to facilitate ongoing collaboration.

1.2 The Integrated Care Strategy is included as **Appendix One**

#### 2 Recommendations

2.1 The Southend Health & Wellbeing Board approves the Integrated Care Strategy presented by MSE Integrated Care Partnership and offers observations about how the work is taken forward as appropriate.

#### 3 Background

3.1 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.

3.2 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.

3.3 There are three ICSs servicing the population of Essex;

- Mid and South Essex ICS
- Suffolk and North East Essex ICS
- Hertfordshire and West Essex ICS

3.4 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”*.

3.5 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”*.

3.6 MSE Integrated Care Partnership have complied with this requirement and produced an Integrated Care Strategy, following wide-ranging engagement with partners and residents. Details of the process for developing the strategies has been presented to the Southend Health & Wellbeing Board on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

## **4 Health and wellbeing boards and subsidiarity**

- 4.1 In preparing the Strategy, the ICP has fully considered the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Local Health and Wellbeing Strategies of all upper tier local authorities, in this case, Southend-on-Sea City Council.
- 4.2 The Guidance states *“The health and wellbeing board remains responsible for producing both the joint strategic needs assessment and the joint local health and wellbeing strategy (they will be required to consider revising the joint local health and wellbeing strategy on receiving a new integrated care strategy). The integrated care strategy should complement the production of these local strategies. It should identify where needs could be better addressed at integrated care system level and bring learning from across places and the system to drive improvement and innovation, for example challenges that could be met by integrating the workforce or considering population health and care needs and services over this larger area. It should not replace or supersede the joint local health and wellbeing strategies, which will continue to have a vital role at place”*.
- 4.3 As such, Members should *“consider revising the joint local health and wellbeing strategy on receiving a new integrated care strategy”* at the appropriate time.
- 4.4 In turn, the Guidance states *“Whenever the integrated care partnership receives a new joint strategic needs assessment from a health and wellbeing board, it must consider whether the integrated care strategy needs to be revised. Where possible, we suggest that integrated care partnerships work with health and wellbeing boards, local authorities, and integrated care board to align the timelines of their strategies”*.

## **5 Options**

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

## **6 Financial implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this item.

## **7 Legal implications**

- 7.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is only required to *“consider revising the joint local health and wellbeing strategy on receiving a new integrated care strategy”* at the appropriate time. The Board is however, asked to formally *approve*, which will send a strong signal for support for the health and care partners who form the ICP.

## 8 Equality and Diversity implications

- 8.1 The Public Sector Equality Duty applies to the Council when it makes decisions. The duty requires us to have regard to the need to:
- (a) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other behaviour prohibited by the Act. In summary, the Act makes discrimination etc. on the grounds of a protected characteristic unlawful
  - (b) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
  - (c) Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.
- 8.2 The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, gender, and sexual orientation. The Act states that 'marriage and civil partnership' is not a relevant protected characteristic for (b) or (c) although it is relevant for (a).
- 8.3 An Equality Impact Assessment has not been undertaken by SCC for this work, as it falls within the responsibility of other statutory partners.

## 9 List of appendices

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

## 10 List of Background papers

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

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