

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NHS JOINT FORWARD PLAN

Purpose of the Report

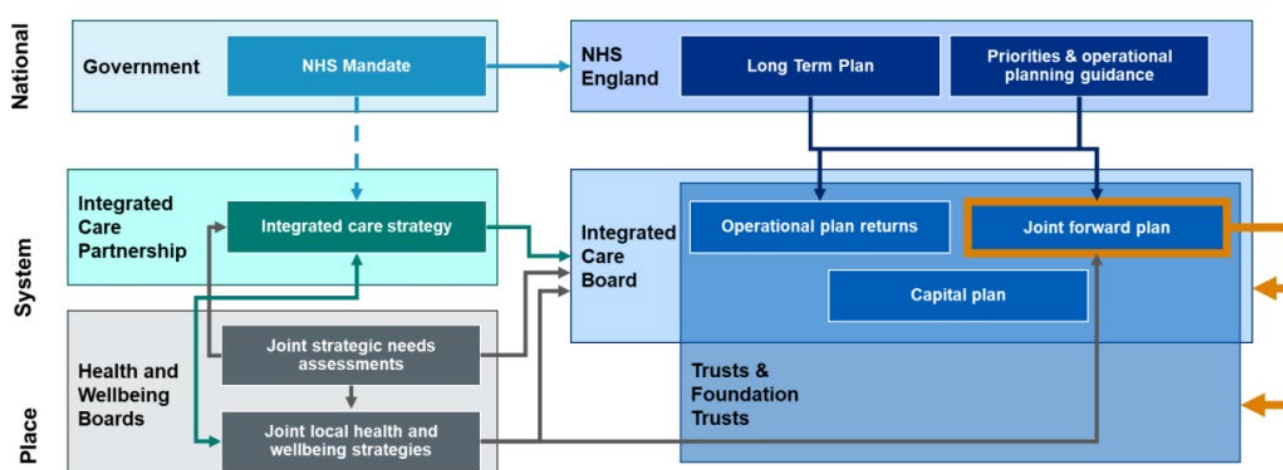
1. To seek endorsement of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire NHS Joint Forward Plan as required under the Health and Care Act 2022.

Information

Statutory Context

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has previously received briefings on the development and provisions of the Health and Care Act 2022, under which Integrated Care Partnerships are required to produce an Integrated Care Strategy. The [Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Strategy](#) was approved on 17 March 2023.
3. The Integrated Care Board (ICB) is also required to produce a 5-year Joint Forward Plan (JFP) with strategic partners, detailing how they propose to exercise their functions in the next five years. There is an expectation that this plan will be refreshed annually, in line with emerging national guidance.¹

Figure 1: Relationship of the JFP with other strategies and plans¹¹



¹ Planning guidance for the Joint Forward Plan was published by NHS England on 23 December, which is available online here: [B1940-guidance-on-developing-the-joint-forward-plan-december-2022.pdf \(england.nhs.uk\)](#)

Nottinghamshire NHS Joint Forward Plan

4. The Joint Forward Plan provides an opportunity to create a longer-term shared sense of endeavour, a realistic and ambitious view of what is achievable and a sense of hope for residents. The plan is for the whole of the local NHS and repositions how NHS organisations work together and with partners to ensure the NHS delivers health elements of the Integrated Care Strategy. It is a plan, not a strategy, meaning that it aims to be specific about how the NHS will work differently and what the impacts will be on health outcomes and inequalities.
5. The Integrated Care Strategy, which incorporates the County & City Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies, commits the JFP to the principles of:
 - a) Prevention is better than cure
 - b) Equity in everything
 - c) Integration by default
6. The Joint Forward Plan has been worked up with NHS partners, and Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board have input into the plan via a workshop that took place on 25 May 2023. A summary of the Board's feedback is presented in **Appendix 1**.
7. In addition, there have been numerous events to engage stakeholders in the plans as well as circulation of draft proposals and an online survey. **The final draft Joint Forward Plan is available online from 30 June at <https://healthandcarenotts.co.uk/integrated-care-strategy/>.**

Role of the Health and Wellbeing Board

8. As part of the national guidance, preparation and revisions of Joint Forward Plans are subject to a general legal duty to involve each Health and Wellbeing Board whose area coincides with that of the ICB, wholly or in part.
9. The plan itself must describe how the ICB proposes to implement relevant Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies, and a draft of the JFP shall be shared with each relevant HWB when under development or undertaking significant revisions to the plan. HWBs must be consulted on whether the draft takes proper account of its Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and the board must respond with its statement of opinion as to whether the plan has done so.²
10. In consultation with the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and subject to the comment and approval of members of Health and Wellbeing Board on 5 July 2023, the Board's draft statement of opinion of the Joint Forward Plan is as follows:

The Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board is satisfied that the NHS Joint Forward Plan for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire has taken account of its feedback, and the plan clearly articulates the ICBs commitment and contribution to the delivery of the Nottinghamshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

11. Once finalised the NHS Joint Forward Plan is then to be signed off by the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB Board on 13 July 2023.

² To note this process should be repeated for any significant revision to the plan as outlined in the guidance.

Other Options Considered

12. There is the option to not consult the Health and Wellbeing Board on the NHS Joint Forward Plan, however this option is discounted because there is a statutory requirement for the Health and Wellbeing Board to inform the NHS Joint Forward Plan and provide a statement of opinion for inclusion in the final document.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. To ensure the Health and Wellbeing Board has sufficient opportunity to inform the NHS Joint Forward Plan for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and has provided its statement of opinion as required by national guidance.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

15. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked:

- 1) To endorse the draft Nottingham and Nottinghamshire NHS Joint Forward Plan.
- 2) To approve the Board's statement of opinion for inclusion in the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire NHS Joint Forward Plan, set out in paragraph 10 to the report.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 13/06/23)

16. The Health and Wellbeing Board can consider the report and recommendations.

Financial Comments (DG 13/06/23)

17. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All