

NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE STRATEGY / JOINT FORWARD PLAN

Summary

The Committee will receive an update on the implementation of the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Strategy and associated Joint Forward Plan.

Detail

1. The NHS, Local Authorities and the community, voluntary and social enterprise sectors (VCSE) developed a plan to improve health and care in the North East and North Cumbria – this was agreed at the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) meeting on 15 December 2022.
2. The *Better health and wellbeing for all* document sets out how inequalities will be reduced and how experiences of health and care services, and the health and wellbeing of people living and working in the region, will be improved by 2030 and beyond. The full strategy, as well as a shorter summary, can be accessed via:
 - Full strategy
<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/v2hchti/final-nenc-integrated-care-strategy-16-december-2022.pdf>
 - Summary
<https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/bhrbrkt2/icp-strategy-v14.pdf>
3. Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) were asked to prepare Joint Forward Plans (JFPs) reflecting the system-wide priorities established through ICP integrated care strategies. As referenced within the NHS [Guidance on developing the joint forward plan](#) (Dec 22) publication, the final version must be published, and ICBs and their partner trusts should expect to be held to account for its delivery – including by their population, patients and their carers or representatives – and in particular through the ICP, Healthwatch and the local authorities' health overview and scrutiny committees. JFPs must be reviewed and, where appropriate, updated before the start of each financial year.
4. On 4 April 2023, the final report of the [Hewitt Review](#) was published. This review, commissioned by the Government, was carried out by former health minister Patricia Hewitt, looking at the operation of integrated care systems (ICSs). It emphasised that:
 - Building on the integrated care strategy developed by the ICP, the JFP should describe the outcomes the ICS is aiming to achieve. This should include short, medium and longer-term measures that will be used to track progress, as well as how different partners will contribute to these and how they will hold each other to account for doing so.

- Every ICS should ensure that both their ICPs integrated care strategy, and through it their ICB Joint Forward Plan, include a clear articulation of the needs of children and young people within their population, and how those needs will be met through collaboration across the system.
5. Following the publication of the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Strategy in December 2022, a draft Joint Forward Plan 2023/24-2028/29 (Jul 23) was produced – see <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/media/e4ilydhh/draft-nenc-joint-forward-plan.pdf>.
 6. The North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) Director of Strategy and Planning is scheduled to be in attendance to provide an overview of, and update on, these key documents. A presentation has been prepared and can be found at **Appendix 1** – this is accompanied by the recently approved North East and North Cumbria Joint Forward Plan 2023/24-2028/29 at **Appendix 2**.

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