

## UPDATE ON THE NORTH EAST AND NORTH CUMBRIA INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM (ICS)

### Report of Director for Place (Sunderland) and the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

#### 1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide assurances that the proposed place-based governance arrangements for integrated care in Sunderland will be established by 1 April 2023 in-line with national requirements.
- 1.2 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with an update on the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System (ICS).

#### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Health and Care Act 2022, provided the Integrated Care System (ICS) with statutory footing from July 2022, which included the establishment of the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB) and the dissolution of all Clinical Commissioning Groups. The legislation additionally required the ICS to establish committee arrangements between NENC ICB and the 13 Local Authorities that align to the NENC ICB area, as part of statutory Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) arrangements. Sunderland is part of the Central ICP alongside South Tyneside and Durham.
- 2.2 In addition to these system-level changes, ICBs were required to establish place-based arrangements with Local Authorities and other statutory partners, to support local leadership and delegated decision-making for health and care provision. The place-based arrangement for Sunderland is geographically aligned to the administrative boundaries of Sunderland City Council and in January 2022, Cabinet approved a proposal to adopt a Joint Committee arrangement for Sunderland's place-based governance. This report sets out an update on progress in establishing this arrangement.

#### 3.0 Sunderland's Place-Based Governance Arrangement

- 3.1 A Joint Committee will allow for multi-agency decision-making and formal delegation of resources, to effectively address health and care needs and tackle inequalities in Sunderland. To support the transition to this new arrangement, Sunderland place-based partners have established a multi-agency Joint Consultative Forum (JCF) that will work in an advisory capacity to deliver improved integration of health and care provision. In addition, statutory partners have signed a Memorandum of Understanding, that sets out

the principles, ambitions and governance for the place-based partnership arrangement.

- 3.2 The JCF will oversee the development of a transitional road map for Sunderland's Joint Committee arrangements. This will include the establishment of appropriate leadership, governance and accountability arrangements that match Sunderland's ambitions for health and care integration, alongside wider detail regarding delegations and shared resource arrangements. Representation from the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS), and patient and public involvement, will ensure that place-based governance strengthens the role of residents, neighbourhoods and communities in local decision making.
- 3.3 The JCF is supported by the Health and Care Alliance, which will function as a formal sub-group of the JCF in implementing the agreed transitional road map and shared outcome framework for health and care integration. A separate Children's and Adult's Alliance will take ownership of key programme areas based on an agreed set of priorities that reflect the Healthy City Plan and imminent Integrated Care Strategy for the NENC ICS (due for publication in December 2022). The alliances will be based on the existing All Together Better (ATB) partnership arrangements, ensuring place-based governance builds on existing good practice.
- 3.4 A provisional road map for Sunderland will be developed by early October 2022, with the expectations that shadow arrangements for place-based governance will be in place by January 2023, with formal structures in place by April 2023.

#### **4.0 Other Integrated Care Board Updates**

- 4.1 The first Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) meeting has held, in public, on 20 September 2022 in Durham.
- 4.2 The ICP is responsible for setting out key priorities and developing the strategy for health and care to meet the needs of our population by bring together local councils, hospitals, community services, primary care, hospices, and voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations and Healthwatch across the region.
- 4.3 The inaugural meeting considered national guidance on the establishment of ICPs, as well as it's chairing and membership arrangements. The board also received recommendations on ways of working between our region wide ICP and our four locally focused 'area ICPs' and how they in turn will develop a picture of health and care need from each of their constituent HWBs.
- 4.4 The meeting was recorded and will be available to view on the ICB website [here](#).

## **5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 The Board is recommended to:

- Acknowledge the updates within the report and confirm agreement of the proposed changes that have been outlined.

