



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – 1 DECEMBER 2022

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

APPROVAL OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE BCF PLAN 2022/23 AND THE LEICESTERSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT - URGENT ACTION TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Health and Wellbeing Board of urgent action taken by the Chief Executive of the County Council to approve the Leicestershire Better Care Fund Plan 2022/23 for submission to NHS England and the final version of the Leicestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for publication.
2. The urgent action was required following the cancellation of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in September 2022 due to the passing of the Queen.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board;
 - a) Notes the urgent action taken by the Chief Executive using his delegated powers to
 - i. Approve the Leicestershire Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan 2022/23 for submission to NHS England;
 - ii. Approve the final version of the Leicestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for publication.
 - b) Retrospectively approves the Leicestershire Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan 2022/23, including the Planning Template and Narrative which includes the proposed ambitions associated with the five BCF metrics, for submission to NHS England.

Background

4. As a result of the Queen's passing on the 8 September 2022, the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board scheduled to take place on the 22 September was cancelled in order for the County Council to comply with Government guidance stipulating that agenda papers should not be published during the official mourning period.
5. There were several previously scheduled items which required the Board's approval. These reports were therefore circulated to members of the Board electronically, who were asked to forward any comments they had before the Chief Executive's approval was sought using his delegated powers. A summary of the two matters considered is detailed below and a copy of each report is included as an appendix.

Leicestershire Better Care Fund Plan 2022/23

6. The purpose of the report was to seek approval of the final Leicestershire Better Care Fund (BCF) Plan for 2022/23.
7. The BCF Plan consists of the expenditure plan, narrative, outcome metrics, demand and capacity modelling template and an expectation that areas will complete an assessment of their maturity against the High Impact Change Model.
8. A copy of the BCF Expenditure Plan was also included as an appendix. This is intended to support local planning and also reporting at year end. It includes targets and current data against the national metrics included in the requirements.
9. The report also set out the four national conditions set by the Government in the policy framework, national metrics that must be included in the Plan and local ambitions associated with each metric with detail of how they would be achieved.
10. The Integration Executive, a subgroup of the Health and Wellbeing Board with responsibility for the day to day delivery of the BCF, considered the draft BCF Plan 2022/23 at its meeting on the 6 September 2022 and supported its contents.
11. Following circulation of the report by email to members, no comments were received. The Chief Executive approved the Plan for submission on the 22 September 2022 and the Plan and associated documents were submitted to NHS England ahead of the deadline of 26 September 2022.
12. The County Council has recently received correspondence suggesting that the Plan has been recommended for approval by the assurance panel subject to agreement by the Board. The Board is therefore being asked to retrospectively approve the Plan.

Leicestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

13. The purpose of this report was to provide an update on the outcome of the statutory consultation on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022 and to seek approval of the final PNA for submission and publication. The report detailed the responses received as part of the consultation and changes made to the PNA arising from the feedback.
14. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to prepare a PNA for Leicestershire and publish it by 1 October 2022. At its meeting on 24 February 2022, the Board noted the timescales and process for the production of the PNA, along with the areas of focus, likely structure, governance and consultation arrangements to inform the draft.
15. At its meeting on 26 May 2022 the Health and Wellbeing Board considered the draft PNA for 2022. The PNA had been produced based on a range of data analysis; together with input of a Stakeholder Reference Group and included the results of the initial consultation exercises with pharmacists and the general public. The Board approved the draft PNA for statutory consultation with a range of partners, in accordance with the PNA guidance.
16. Following circulation of the report by email to members, no comments were received. The Chief Executive approved the PNA on the 23 September 2022 which was subsequently published on the Local Authority's website in advance of the 1 October deadline.

Appendix

Appendix A – Report circulated to members of the Health and Wellbeing Board – Leicestershire BCF Plan 2022/23

Appendix B – Report circulated to members of the Health and Wellbeing Board – Leicestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

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