

Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board – 2nd March 2023

Joint Forward Plan

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- a. Note the process undertaken so far to develop the Joint Forward Plan to date.
- b. Note the process proposed to produce the final draft of the Joint Forward Plan.
- c. Note that as part of the final submission in June that a statement of the final opinion of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to be included.

Background

1. All ICS systems are expected to produce three key outputs:
 - a. Integrated Care Strategy
 - b. Operational Plan for 2023/24
 - c. Joint Forward Plan for 2023/24-2028/29
2. These should be enabled by other existing or new implementation plans or strategy in line with national guidance.
3. The purpose of this paper/agenda item is to provide members with an overview of the:
 - a. National planning requirements
 - b. Milestones for planning submissions
 - c. Approach to the development of the Joint Forward Plan (JFP)
 - d. Next steps to developing the Joint Forward Plan including for the Health and Wellbeing Board to note that as part of the development of the JFP that the ICS will be asking for a statement of their opinion to be included in the June 2023 submission

National Planning Requirements

Joint Forward Plan

4. The JFP is a five-year plan from 2023 to 2028.
5. Guidance is less specific and does not set out specific objective's tasks and actions across priorities. This is a change to the previous 5-year plan guidance.

6. The guidance however does state specific statutory requirements that plans must meet.
7. Systems have significant flexibility to determine their JFP's scope as well as how it is developed and structured.
8. Be driven by the initial Integrated Care Strategy and national priorities as defined by NHS planning guidance.
9. Be co-ordinated through the ICB and co-produced with partners, providers, stakeholders and the systems delivery and enabling portfolios.
10. JFP must include a statement of the final opinion of each HWB consulted.
11. It is accepted that the JFP will be iterative and will evolve over the five years, in line with national requirements.

Timescales

12. The Joint Forward Plan has the following timescale requirements : -
 - a. Prepare a first JFP by the 31st March 2023
 - b. Final plan submission to NHSE on the 30th June 2023 following on from consultation including with Health and Wellbeing Boards

Approach to Date

13. The ICB Planning Team have met with all providers and portfolios to explain about the guidance, what is required and provided resources where available, for example information about the Integrated Care Strategy and Finance Strategy.
14. An initial narrative and baseline position has been received from all portfolios.
15. A desktop review has been undertaken and feedback provided to all portfolios and providers about what has been submitted against the guidance published on the 23rd of December and the additional guidance published on the 27th of January.
16. A working draft template has been developed and shared with stakeholders including the Directors of Strategy for feedback.

Next Steps

17. Portfolios have been asked to undertake further development of their narrative and baseline plans. This includes addressing any gaps / duplication and interdependencies between the portfolios and enablers such as workforce and digital. The initial deadline for this is the 3rd of March.
18. Produce a final draft to be shared with stakeholders including the Health and Wellbeing Boards for feedback. As part of the final submission in June a statement of the final opinion of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to be included.

List of Background Documents:

Guidance on Developing the Joint Forward Plan, published 23.12.22.

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/B1940-guidance-on-developing-the-joint-forward-plan-december-2022.pdf>

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