



PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

MEETING: Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board

MEETING DATE: 27 June 2023

No.	Petition, deputation or question	Name of Speaker	On Behalf Of
1	Deputation	Jennifer Fenelon Chair of the Rutland Health & Social Care Policy Consortium	Rutland Health & Social Care Policy Consortium, 7 Stockerston Road, Uppingham, Rutland LE159UD

DETAILS

Dear Councillor Ellison

FIRST THE PURPOSE OF THIS DEPUTATION. It is submitted by Rutland Health & Social Care Policy Consortium. In it, we express our concerns about the preparation, content and proposed implementation of the first LLR (Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland) 5 Year Joint Forward Plan (JFP). We believe the consequences for Rutland residents are potentially serious.

SECOND THE GUIDANCE & ISSUES OF CONCERN

- Rutland County Council, via this Health and Wellbeing Board, discharged its legal duty to prepare, consult upon and approve a health strategy for Rutland JLHWS (Joint Local Health Wellbeing Strategy) in April 2022. It covered 7 target areas from birth to death.
- In December 2023, the NHS issued explicit instructions to ICBs (Integrated Care Boards) on the production of their 5 Year Plans and supporting strategies (including consultation) by 30th June 2023. This guidance includes the statutory requirements that ICBs must meet.
- The guidance says '*ICBs and their partner trusts are subject to a general legal duty to involve each Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) whose area coincides with that of the ICB wholly or in part. The plan must describe how the ICB proposes to implement relevant JLHWS*'.
- The ICB is required to engage or consult on its draft plan with quote '*people and communities that will be affected by specific parts of the proposed plan, or who are likely to have a significant interest in any of its objectives....*'
- The ICB also has responsibility for preparing the necessary operational, financial, capital, staffing and IT strategies and to incorporate them within their JFP.
- The ICB was warned in December 2022 that consultation would be difficult during local authority elections and its officers undertook to find a way of resolving these difficulties.
- We tried without success to find details of the agreed alternative process to be used. On enquiring of the PPIAG (Public and Patient Involvement Assurance Group - the group responsible for approving ICB processes) we were told they had instead looked at the results of previous consultations.
- By June 2023 we were concerned not only at the lack of engagement in Rutland but also the complete lack of an implementation plan for Rutland; the fact that priorities had been changed and lack of supporting implementation strategies. We, therefore

commissioned an independent review of the ICB's implementation of the guidance. Its conclusions are damning.

- The upshot is that neither the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board nor the Rutland population served has formally received and considered a draft JFP. The agenda today contains a 10-minute verbal update but neither the results of consultation which ended on 7th June nor the draft plan itself have been made available to the Board for its consideration.
- In order to finalise the 5 year plan by 30th June 2023, the guidance requires that '*The JFP must include a statement of the final opinion of each HWB consulted*' (Statement of Final Opinion). It must be sent to the ICB with a copy to NHS(E)

OUR RECOMMENDATION

- We believe that the ICB has not discharged its legal and moral duties and we urge the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board to withhold its statement of Final Opinion until national guidance is met and the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board is reassured that the plan meets the health needs of our community.

SUBMITTED BY

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- Jennifer Fenelon (Chair)
- Christine Stanesby
- Judith Worthington
- Bart Hellyer
- Miles Williamson-Noble
- Peter Lawson
- Andrew Nebel
- Andrew Robinson
- Clifford Bacon
- Malcolm Touchin