

Questions for Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee: 9 September 2021

PLACE LED PLANS

Mr Andrew Nebel, MBE

Question 1

The Rutland Health and Well-being Place Led Plan due for discussion at the coming Wednesday's Adults & Health Scrutiny Committee meeting accepts that for people living on the boundaries of other care systems there may be extra complexity and unequal access. A major strategic requirement of all NHSE/I planning is the need to reduce inequalities between patients in access to, and outcomes from healthcare services and to ensure services are provided in an integrated way where this might reduce health inequalities. The population of Ryhall and neighbouring east Rutland villages are particularly concerned that our needs are disadvantaged and marginalised by our location at the boundary of different systems and expect to see this risk mitigated by greater attention to our circumstances in the Place Led Plan.

- Some 50% of the secondary medical care provided for Rutland residents is outside the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) boundary, and it is mentioned by Healthwatch under Priority 1, but action seems to be relegated to Priority 4. Why?
- The University Hospitals Leicester (UHL) business case talks of more Rutland residents having to go outside LLR once Leicester General is closed. What liaison has there been with neighbouring Integrated Care Systems to ensure that there is adequate capacity, and how have the cross-border cost implications been allowed for in the UHL costings?
- Greater and easier access to services such as diagnostics is identified as a key area. Have Rutland residents who access primary care out of LLR been considered?
- Over the years there have been problems in referrals by consultants in North West Anglia (Peterborough, Stamford and Hinchingsbrooke) to Leicester Royal and Glenfield, and vice versa. It seems that the IT systems cannot speak to each other and that it is necessary to get paper records transferred. What IT improvements are being considered for UHL and do they take into account cross-border referrals with all neighbouring Integrated Care Systems?
- Where is an up-to-date Joint Strategic Needs Analysis [JSNA] upon which the Place Led Plan must be based?
- What implications might arise from the Boundary Commission's proposal to realign constituency boundaries, and have these been taken into account?

Question 2

The UHL DMBC is predicated upon additional community facilities being provided and in place before reconfiguration. When will RCC publish the time-based plan for such enhanced community provision and can the Council confirm that it will be fully aligned with the UHL key construction milestones?

Mrs Kathy Reynolds

Tonight's paper on a Place Led Plan for Rutland is to be welcomed as is guidance on how the new ICS organisations will operate. The Guidance on Working with People and Communities is very clear that working with people and communities is one of the essential enablers of success and challenges will only be tackled successfully by drawing on the diverse thinking of those who know the issues best such as local people, those who use services and unpaid carers.

I am concerned that as Integrated Care Systems are supposed to be operational by April 2022 time is very short and there are several steps to get through to get a solid Place Led Plan for Rutland that has been widely engaged upon and developed in close association with those who have experience of services as advised in the guidance.

Question 1

What are the proposals and timeline for the following in the development of the Place Led Plan for Rutland:

- Plans for further engagement including with local expert groups such as those with Long Term Conditions (e.g. Diabetes, COPD), adult and children's mental health groups, travellers etc etc to identify local needs and mismatch in provision to strengthen development of a Draft Place Led Plan?
- Date for a Draft Place Led Plan presentation to Scrutiny and H&WB?
- Date for Public Consultation on Draft Place Led Plan?
- Date for Report of Findings on Draft Place Led Plan Consultation
- Date for Final Draft Place Led Plan presentation to Scrutiny?
- Date for Final Draft Place Led Plan presentation to H&WB for Approval?

Mrs Jennifer Fenelon

A Place Led Plan needs to respond to the differing health needs of each community and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) is a key building block which sets out those needs. But Rutland's JSNA has expired and a new JSNA is needed urgently to help shape the Rutland Health Plan.

Question 1

When will a new JSNA be published for Rutland?

Question 2

Can we have an assurance that the new Place Led Plan will include proposals to address our community's needs by drawing on the new JSNA?

Mr Ramsay Ross CA (WRITTEN RESPONSE TO BE PROVIDED)

It is a matter of record that:

- The UHL Bed Bridge confirms that there will be no, or only a minimal increase in, acute beds in Leicester as a result of the approved capital expenditure scheme.
- The bridge is effectively a project plan, based as it is upon defined deliverables of facilities to UHL, at specified dates.
- UHL have stated that they have assumed enhanced community provision, in the form of step-down beds, as being key to the successful operation of the new facilities and the associated operational cost savings.
- Local authorities in adjoining areas must therefore have plans to deliver this enhanced community provision, within the timescale defined by the UHL reconfiguration.

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When will RCC publish the time-based plan for such enhanced community provision and can councillors confirm that it will be fully aligned with the UHL key construction completion milestones?

Mr Miles Williamson-Noble (WRITTEN RESPONSE TO BE PROVIDED)

The paper includes the Armed Forces as one of the focus areas in Priority 1. However, the way in which the paper is written shows this as a subset of improving healthy life expectancy for women.

Question 1

May we assume that this focus applies to service personnel of both sexes?

Question 2

Does the focus apply to veterans as well as those currently serving?

Question 3

Rutland is one of the smallest "Places" and has one of the highest percentages of service personnel. Has account been taken of this when applying for funds, especially in relation to mental health and welfare?

Mr Clifford Bacon, Clerk to Clipsham Parish Council (WRITTEN RESPONSE TO BE PROVIDED)

Question 1

Will there be opportunity for more extensive engagement with the public as the draft plan is developed as users of services are best placed to identify gaps in service and how they can best be filled?

Question 2

When can we expect to see a draft plan defining resource and financial commitment?

Question 3

When can we expect consultation on the Draft Plan?

Question 4

When will the Plan be approved?