



MEETING: COUNCIL

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ITEM: 7 - QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

No.	Questioner	Addressed to:	Question
1	Councillor S Harvey	Councillor D Ellison, Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board	<p data-bbox="730 479 1468 779">Can the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board please update Council on how the integrated Care Board's 5 year forward plan delivers on the ambitions described in the Rutland Joint Health And Wellbeing Strategy, including our local targets, approaches and priorities. Could she also update Council as to the process being followed to ensure Rutland's view is shared formally with the ICB.</p> <p data-bbox="730 815 890 853">Response</p> <p data-bbox="730 853 1468 1070">Thank you, Councillor Harvey, for providing this opportunity to share with council members and the general public the background to the LLR ICB 5-year plan and to summarise the steps undertaken to ensure that our Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Action areas are being addressed.</p> <p data-bbox="730 1106 1468 1294">Reflecting upon the question to Council, I consulted with officers and carefully re-read the official NHS Health and Care Bill and subsequent Guidance on developing the joint forward plan (5YJFP) and would like to start by sharing the key points.</p> <p data-bbox="730 1330 1468 1809">Firstly, there is clear guidance from The Health and Care Bill which states that "Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) are NHS bodies. Representatives from Local authorities are included as members of its Board to strengthen collaborative working. It goes on to explain that "ICBs and integrated care partnerships (ICPs) will also strengthen partnerships between the NHS and local authorities, and with local partners, including groups representing the public and patient perspective, the voluntary sector, and wider public service provision. It is expected these bodies will support a change of culture towards greater collaboration and joint working".</p> <p data-bbox="730 1845 1468 2132">The Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board Joint future 5-year plan was produced by the local Integrated Care Board according to NHS guidelines, which state that the ICB is encouraged to use the JFP to develop a shared delivery plan for the integrated care strategy and the joint local health and well-being strategy developed by local authorities, and this may be</p>

through HWBs. Thereby reinforcing the separation of roles and responsibilities for the NHS and local authorities.

Although the ICB and partner trusts have legal responsibility and accountability for developing and delivery there is an expectation of local authority health overview and scrutiny committee inputs. To this end the draft 5-year joint forward plan was shared with the HWB boards for all three authorities (LLR) and included consultation of whether it took proper account of the joint local health and wellbeing strategy. Following local consultation and feedback to LLRICB we received a detailed response to submissions from the Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium and a swift amendment to the Rutland County Council comment to include provision and recognition of the armed forces covenant.

We are truly fortunate to have a strong, positive relationship with LLRICB (thanks in part to my predecessor on the Rutland Health and well-being board, Cllr Harvey) to be included in consultation with the local ICB. However, health provision and improvements are only one part of the health and well-being strategy and therefore there is a much wider remit to be taken into consideration when planning a local strategy. As a council, our priority is to continue working in partnership to obtain the services our community needs.

2. Communication and engagement for the community of Rutland:

To date we have undertaken the following to ensure consultation with our key stakeholders as part of our Health & Wellbeing Communication and Engagement Plan for Rutland

- The initial draft LLR ICB 5YJFP was circulated to all members of the RCC Health and Well-being Board. The board membership includes representatives from RCC, Public Health, LLR ICB, Citizens Advice, Melton & Rutland Police, Local NHS Trusts, Healthwatch and the Armed Forces representative.
- Feedback and comments were collated, approved by Kim Sorsky, Strategic Director for Adult Services and Health and myself and forwarded to LLR ICB.

- The updated draft 5YJFP was received, circulated and discussed at the health and well-being board and approved.
- NHS England have reviewed the draft and confirmed that it is a comprehensive plan.
- The final plan is due to be presented to the LLR ICB Board meeting on 13th July.

The plan will be reviewed and refreshed annually as to quote from the guidance once again “local systems are encouraged to develop a shared delivery plan for the Integrated Care Systems (ICS) developed by the Integrated Care Partnership and the joint local Health and wellbeing boards, [however] the NHS does recognise that 2022/23 is a transition year for Integrated Care Systems and that it will require time and extensive engagement to fully develop integrated care strategies. The annual refresh of JFPs allows plans to be iterated and provides the opportunity for further engagement and collaboration, as well as the opportunity to reflect the most appropriate delivery mechanisms and partners’ actions”.

Further action:

As Chair of the RCC Health & Well-being Board I have also met with a range of key individuals including the Chair and Chief Executive of LLR ICB. I had a really illuminating conversation, they confirmed that my role at their meetings was to contribute but that I have no voting rights which if you consider that we are discussing the NHS as a separate organisation makes sense. My role is to represent Rutland’s population, to build upon relationships and enhance collaboration with the ICB and subsequently the NHS. They also stated that their aim was to devolve local care and that the funding mechanism (where the funds follow the patient) allowed for referrals outside the LLR area and to develop alliances with other ICBs and providers. I have also met with representatives from the Rutland Health and Social Care Policy Consortium and Healthwatch.

My commitment is to continue to consult with key stakeholders and to ensure that the Rutland Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy is implemented through the Rutland Place based Plan 2022-2027 and, to continue to work closely with the ICB, building on the good working relationships to ensure alignment between our strategies.

