

Divisions Affected - All

CABINET REPORT 20 September 2022

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NEW INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP COVERING THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, OXFORDSHIRE AND BERKSHIRE WEST AREA

Report by Corporate Director of Public Health & Community Safety

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Cabinet is RECOMMENDED to**
 - a) APPROVE the establishment of a new joint committee- the Integrated Care Partnership covering the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West area- and in principle, the working draft terms of reference for this partnership (See Annex 1)
 - b) APPROVE the appointment of 2 cabinets members of Oxfordshire County Council to this partnership
 - c) NOTE- the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council will agree the final version of the Terms of References once finalised in collaboration with all other founding partners

Executive Summary

2. The Health and care Act 2022 established Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) as legal entities and created new NHS bodies called Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). Within this legislation all ICSs are required to establish new partnership forums called Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs). These bring together ICBs and Local Authorities (LAs) with responsibility for Social Care and Public Health in order to integrate the services they plan, purchase, and provide for local residents.
3. These “founding members” of the ICP are working together to agree the terms of reference for this new partnership board before its first meeting on the 5th October 2022. The ICP will cover the Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) area and the founding members are
 - (a) Oxfordshire County Council
 - (b) Buckinghamshire Council

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- (c) West Berkshire Council
- (d) Reading Borough Council
- (e) Wokingham Borough Council
- (f) The BOB NHS Integrated Care Board

Exempt Information

4. No information in this report is exempt

Integrated Care Systems

5. Integrated care systems (ICSs) are geographically based arrangements that bring together providers and commissioners of NHS services with local authorities and other local partners to plan, co-ordinate and commission health and care services. They gained formal legal status on 1st July 2022
6. The aim of ICSs is 4-fold.
 - (a) To improve population health and healthcare
 - (b) Tackle inequalities in outcome, experience and access
 - (c) Enhance productivity and value for money
 - (d) Help the NHS to support broader social and economic development
7. Oxfordshire is within the “BOB” ICS- that is the area of Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire and Berkshire West
8. Commissioning arrangements within the NHS have also changed to enable the creation of ICSs. This means Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group no-longer exists and has been replaced by a BOB area Integrated Care Board (ICB).

Integrated Care Partnerships

9. The Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) is formed in accordance with Section 116ZA of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 as introduced by Section 26 of the Health and Care Act 2022. The ICP is a statutory joint committee of the BOB Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the local authorities in the ICS who are responsible for adult social care: Buckinghamshire Council, Oxfordshire County Council, Reading Borough Council, West Berkshire Council, Wokingham Borough Council.
10. In addition to the Founding Members listed above, it is proposed with the BOB ICP Terms of Reference that wider health and social care partners are also included with the membership of the ICP. This includes; Oxfordshire City or District Council representation, NHS provider trusts for acute, mental health and ambulance services, Primary Care, Healthwatch, VCSE representation, Oxford Academic Health Sciences Network, a Social Care Provider. Full details are within the proposed ToR in annex 1.

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11. The proposed membership of the ICP from Oxfordshire County Council is as follows
 - (a) Leader of the Council
 - (b) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
 - (c) Director of Public Health
12. Integrated care partnerships are required to publish an integrated care strategy to set out how the assessed needs (from the joint strategic needs assessments of the areas the partnership covers) can be met through the exercise of the functions of the integrated care board, partner local authorities or NHS England.
13. Partnership working, integration of services and development of joint strategies are approaches to improving outcomes for local residents that are already well established within work programmes of health and social care organisations. Much of this current work is overseen by the Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board. The creation of ICPs is not intended to duplicate existing arrangements like this but provide opportunity to establish greater integration at a larger system footprint. The principle of subsidiarity is critical to the establishment of ICPs, meaning that where decisions and planning can happen at an Oxfordshire level it will.

Corporate Policies and Priorities

14. The establishment of Integrated Care Boards within the new ICS structures provides even greater opportunity to integrate health and care services for residents in Oxfordshire than has happened to date. It is anticipated this will have a positive impact on health and wellbeing across the life-course. It will also provide further opportunity to support the improvement of the health of those with the greatest need the fastest. It will therefore contribute the following strategic priorities of Oxfordshire County Council;
 - (a) Tackle inequalities in Oxfordshire
 - (b) Prioritise the health and wellbeing of residents
 - (c) Support carers and the social care system
 - (d) Create opportunities for children and young people to reach their full potential

Financial Implications

15. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. More broadly, the establishment of the ICS and its associated structures aims to allow greater integration of services. This may include changes to the current arrangements where Oxfordshire County Council and the local NHS commissioning body (now the ICB) pool some of their budgets through Section 75 arrangements. Any such changes will be subject to separate approval processes.

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Legal Implications

16. As described in paragraph 9, Oxfordshire County Council has a statutory responsibility to form an Integrated Care Partnership with other founding partners. This report seeks the approval of the Terms of Reference for this new forum to support this statutory duty.

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Staff Implications

17. There are no direct staffing implications associated with this report. It is anticipated the Member and Officer time taken to participate in this new partnership forum will drive efficiencies of working for a range of teams in the council and therefore have a positive impact on staff capacity.

Equality & Inclusion Implications

18. One of the 4 aims of Integrated Care Systems is to tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access. These inequalities in health can be experienced by a range of population groups, including those with protected characteristics. It is therefore anticipated that supporting the establishment of the new ICP will have a positive impact on equality and inclusion.

Sustainability Implications

19. This paper does not have any direct sustainability implications. Where any new or amended services are established because of greater integration, they will be individually assessed for their sustainability implications. Any potential travel and printing implications for Oxfordshire County Council staff joining a new partnership forum will be managed via existing policies to mitigate such impacts

Risk Management

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20. A detailed risk assessment is not required for this report. There are opportunities and risks to Oxfordshire County Council from the formation of ICSs and this is managed via the council's usual risk management processes.

Consultations

21. Public consultation is not required for the agreement of these Terms of Reference

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Annex: Annex 1- Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire West (BOB) Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) Terms of Reference.

Background papers: Health and Care Act 2022

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/en/ukpga/2022/31/section/25/enacted#section-25-4>

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