

## Annex B – Summary of BLMK Health and Care Partnership and BLMK Integrated Care Board Business March 2023

### 1. Health and Care Partnership 4 March 2023

- **Joint forward plan** - The plan for the development of the joint forward plan was agreed.
- **Workforce** pressures has been highlighted in a number of reports and an update will be provided at the next meeting on what the system is doing to retain and recruit staff.
- **Place plans, Health and Wellbeing Board updates and Health and Wellbeing Board guidance** –Place plans and the local priorities were presented and key areas of discussion from the Health and Wellbeing Board meetings. Health and Wellbeing Board guidance that was published in November 2022 and the requirements it on the Health and Wellbeing Boards, ICBs and ICPs was noted. [Health and wellbeing boards – guidance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-and-wellbeing-boards-guidance)
- **Delegation of Dentistry, Optometry & Community Pharmacy** – an update on the delegation of responsibility from 1 April 2023 to the ICB of dentistry, optometry and community pharmacy was provided. It was noted that 2023/24 would be a transitional year and provides an opportunity to build relationships with contractors. It was reported that there are significant challenges with the national contracts and partners supported the lobbying for change in contracts to enable more local flexibility. Access to NHS dentists was a real concern for residents and coupled with community pharmacy closures, increases the workload for GPs.
- **Mental Health, Learning Disability and Autism collaboration** – information was shared on the progress that had been made in provision of mental health services since the Mental Health Five Year Forward view was published in 2016 and the investment through the Mental Health Investment Standard. There was an opportunity to have greater collaboration for people with mental health, learning disabilities and autism and the ICB Board had agreed the development of this collaborative. The report contained an update on feedback from engagement that has taken place and what areas of focus service users are identifying.
- **Community Engagement** – a presentation was given on the new approach of pooling partner resources to avoid engagement duplication, agreeing co-production principles and highlighted areas of work e.g. the Denny review.

### 2. Board of the BLMK ICB – 24 March 2023

- **Resident's Story** – the Board heard from a Milton Keynes resident about their journey to address back pain and the difficulties she faced in gaining appropriate diagnosis and support. There were numerous opportunities cited where the patient was not listened to and where their care was compartmentalised and not joined-up.
- **Integrated musculoskeletal (MSK) and pain service** – the approach to tendering for MSK services across BLMK was supported including the

development of place-based services. Reference was made to the resident's story and how the proposed approach will aim to address the issues raised. A representative is being sought from each local authority in BLMK to work in partnership with the ICB.

- **Fuller programme** – the Board reflected on the useful Board seminar session held on 24 February 2023 with Claire Fuller and committed to support the development of integrated neighbourhood teams.
- **Core20PLUS5 - for Children and Young People** – the Board agreed to adopt a targeted approach to adapting the Core20Plus5 approach to tackling health inequalities in relation to children and young people. The focus of Core20PLUS5 is on five key areas: asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, oral health and mental health.
- **Delegation of Community Pharmacy, Optometry and Dentistry (POD)** – the Board formally approved the transition of the management of these contracts from NHS England to the ICB from 1 April 2023.
- **BLMK Joint Forward Plan (JFP)** – NHS England has asked for draft Joint Forward Plans for each integrated care system (ICS) to be submitted by 31 March 2023 with final plans published by 30 June 2023. The JFP will cover at least a 5-year time horizon explaining how the four core requirements of ICSs and NHS priorities are to be delivered. The Board agreed the approach including how targeted public engagement work about the JFP will be carried out.
- **Financial and Operating Plan 2023/24** – the Board agreed for the final plan to be signed off by the Chief Executive following a meeting of system chief executives on 29 March 2023. The Board discussed bridging the financial gap, addressing capacity issues to achieve the target for elective activity of 109% of pre-Covid levels and plans to manage hospital flow.
- **Board Assurance Framework (BAF)** – the latest iteration of the BAF was presented. The BAF sets out the key system risks which the Board monitors at each of its formal meetings. Currently, the highest three risks (all scoring 20 out of 25) are as follows.
  - Developing suitable workforce
  - System pressure and resilience
  - Population growth