

The Health and Care Bill 2021-22 and the development of the local Integrated Care System

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Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The Health and Care Bill 2021-22 was introduced in the House of Commons on 6 July 2021 and is set to enact policies set out in the NHS's recommendations for legislative reform, following the NHS Long Term Plan (January 2019), and the White Paper, Integration and Innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all (February 2021).
- The Bill focuses largely on the detail on how a new health and care system based on integration rather than competition will be structured. This includes specifications on how Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) are to be set up and the distinct statutory functions relating to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and Integrated Care Partnerships (ICPs)
- At the request of the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board, this report presents information surrounding the new Bill and the current context for health and social care in West Yorkshire and Leeds, particularly with regard to the development of the local Integrated Care System.

Recommendations

Members are requested to consider and discuss the information presented within this report.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

1. The Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board held a remote consultative meeting on 15th June 2021 to consider priority areas of work for the forthcoming municipal year.
2. During this meeting, the Board expressed an interest surrounding the anticipated Health and Care Bill 2021-22 and the implications of this for health and social care in West Yorkshire and Leeds, particularly with regard to the development of the new local Integrated Care System (ICS).
3. Members acknowledged the ongoing work of the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) in liaising with the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership to consider the implications of the legislative proposals for West Yorkshire, including a focus on the potential future role of scrutiny as part of the new ICS system.
4. While it was noted that Members would be kept up-to-date on the work being undertaken by the JHOSC, the Board expressed a wish to use its July meeting to discuss the development of the local Integrated Care System with representatives across the local health and care system in anticipation of the Bill being published in late June/early July.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected: All

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

5. The Health and Care Bill 2021-22¹ was published and introduced in the House of Commons on 6 July 2021.
6. To help inform the Board's discussion, the Director of Adults and Health has provided a report which summarises the main points of the Health and Care Bill in context for health and social care in West Yorkshire and Leeds, particularly with regard to the development of the local Integrated Care System (see Appendix 1).
7. A report on the Health and Care Bill published by the House of Commons Library is also attached as a useful background document (see Appendix 2).

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

8. The government ran a formal consultation process on its proposals before publishing the Health and Care Bill 2021-22.
9. Representatives from across the local health and care system will be attending today's meeting to contribute to the Board's discussion and respond to Members' questions.

What are the resource implications?

10. The report of the Director of Adults and Health references any associated resource implications.

¹ The complete Bill can be accessed via this link <https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/58-02/0140/210140.pdf>

What are the legal implications?

11. The proposals set out in the Health and Care Bill are intended to pass into law by April 2022.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

12. The report of the Director of Adults and Health references any associated risk management implications.

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

- Inclusive Growth Health and Wellbeing Climate Emergency

13. The Leeds Health and Well-being strategy sets out the ambition that Leeds will be a healthy and caring city for all ages, where people who are the poorest improve their health the fastest. The aims of integrated care support many of the strategy's priorities including "the best care, in the right place, at the right time".

Appendices

14. Appendix 1 – Report of the Director of Adults and Health on the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership/ Leeds Integrated Care Partnership.
15. Appendix 2 – 'Health and Care Bill' House of Commons Library document. 12th July 2021.

Background papers

16. None.