

Non-Executive Report of the: Health and Wellbeing Board Tuesday 2 nd November 2021	
Report of: Warwick Tomsett, Joint Director of Integrated Commissioning – NEL CCG and LBTH	Classification: Unrestricted
North East London Integrated Care System (NEL ICS) discussions and Tower Hamlets Together (THT)	

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Wards affected	All wards

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to give an overview of the upcoming changes via the forming of the NEL Integrated Care System (ICS) and the impact of this at a borough level - the Tower Hamlets Together (THT) Partnership. The system has undergone some significant change recently, especially at the CCG and system levels, due to implementation of requirements set out in the NHS Long Term Plan.

The first part of this report will focus on the direction and ambitions of the NEL ICS changes, with the second part outlining the potential form and functions options that are available to borough partnerships as part of the wider changes.

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the report and provide feedback on proposed opportunities of integration from April 2022.
2. Consider how future NEL Integrated Care System updates come to the HWBB

1. REASONS FOR THE DECISIONS

- 1.1 The North East London health system is undergoing major change which impacts on the local borough partnerships. The Health and Wellbeing Board will need to be kept updated and involved in the latest thinking and changes.

2. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 2.1 NA

3. DETAILS OF THE REPORT

- 3.1 The Health and Care Bill published on 6 July 2021 sets out how the government intends to **reform the delivery of health services and promote integration between health and care in England**, recognising that neither the health system nor local authorities can meet the needs of their populations on their own.
- 3.2 The Bill **includes specifications on how integrated care systems (ICSs) are to be set up and** it emphasises the new statutory functions:
- **an Integrated Care Board (ICB)** – taking on the NHS Commissioning functions of CCGs which are to be legally abolished and transferred in to these new ICBs. It will also be accountable for NHS spend and performance across the system
 - **an Integrated Care Partnership** - bringing together a wide range of organisations and representatives concerned with improving the care, health and wellbeing of the population to develop a strategy to address the health and care needs of the system
- 3.3 In addition, the Bill specifies three other core components of the ICS system:
- 3.3.1 Provider Collaborative, Place-based Partnerships and Primary Care networks.
- 3.3.2 Working in an integrated way is not new for north east London, nor Tower Hamlets, and we have a strong history of working together across the system to provide health and care for patients. Most recently this was very much at the heart of our response to the Covid pandemic and the rollout of our vaccination programme.
- 3.3.3 For Tower Hamlets Together, this means evolving into a Place-based Partnership within the North East London Integrated Care System. The slides (tabled) outlines its purpose, potential forms and functions.

4. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The NEL Integrated Care System is focussed on integrating health and social care services to better support people with a diverse range of illnesses and conditions. These include people with mental health problems, people at risk of being admitted to hospital and people being discharged from hospital with appropriate support.
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Linked Reports, Appendices and Background Documents

Linked Report

- None

Appendices

- None

Local Government Act, 1972 Section 100D (As amended)

List of “Background Papers” used in the preparation of this report

List any background documents not already in the public domain including officer contact information.

- These must be sent to Democratic Services with the report
- State NONE if none.

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