

Rotherham ICP Place Board – Wednesday 8 September 2021

Briefing Paper: Rotherham ICP Agreement

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Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Place Board on the updated agreement underpinning the Rotherham ICP arrangements (the “Agreement”).

The current ICP agreement, signed in September 2018, provides an overarching framework for the Place arrangements in Rotherham, including the governance arrangements through the Place Board and Delivery Team. The updated Agreement is intended to facilitate the further development of an ICP model for Rotherham, in line with the policy direction set out in the DHSC White Paper – *Integrating Care* – and in the Health & Care Bill. The Agreement has been updated with legal support from Hill Dickinson LLP with input from the Design Team reporting into the Place Board.

The proposal is that the updated Agreement, once in agreed form, is entered into by the partner organisations following approval by each organisation’s board/governing body.

Background

Further development of the Rotherham ICP

The Partners have, for a number of years, been working collaboratively across Rotherham under the current ICP agreement to integrate services and provide care closer to home for local people. The Partners established the Place Board in 2018 through which to collaborate, reporting into Partner organisations and the Health & Wellbeing Board.

It is clear from the policy direction of the White Paper that a formal place-based partnership will need to be in place in Rotherham from April 2022 and that the Partners will need to undertake a programme of work to in 2021/22 to prepare for the transition. The development of the ICP will be undertaken in parallel with, and linked to, the further development of the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Integrated Care System (ICS). The ICS is expected to become a statutory entity in its own right in April 2022, with the CCG being dissolved and its functions transferred to the ICS.

The Agreement

The updated Agreement documents the current policy and legislative context, and direction of travel, together with existing governance arrangements in Rotherham including updated terms of reference for both the Place Board and the Delivery Team. It also incorporates an outline development plan for the ICP, identifying key areas of development for the ICP and linking into programmes of work to be undertaken during 2021/22 in readiness for ‘shadow operation’ from September/October 2021. The Agreement documents the agreed vision and objectives of the Partners for the ICP and the shared principles of the Partners in developing a place-based health and care operating model for the people of Rotherham and focusing on a number of priorities in line with the Rotherham Place Plan.

The updated Agreement is intended to work alongside and facilitate provider collaboration at

Place, providing a flexible framework for identifying opportunities for service improvements or developments in priority areas aligned to the ICP principles.

Updates to the Agreement

The Agreement has been updated to set out:

- updated principles that the Partners will comply with in working together to achieve the common vision and objectives;
- updated terms of reference for the Place Board and Delivery Team;
- the updated Place Plan;
- the ICP development plan as referred to above; and
- provisions enabling provider collaboration as a key part of the Place arrangements.

As a framework, the Agreement is designed to be flexible and to evolve over time; this is particularly important because of the upcoming period of transition in 2021/22 to formalise the place-based partnership for Rotherham.

The future governance arrangements are to be developed and will need to take into account guidance issued by NHS England & Improvement, the Health & Care Bill and the approach developed by the ICS with Partners. It is anticipated that the Health and Wellbeing Board will continue to play a central role in the ICP approach. The White Paper sets this out in broad terms and we expect further guidance on how the Health and Wellbeing Board will work together with the ICS Partnership and as part of a place-based partnership to be published shortly.

Approval history

ICP Place Board (confidential) – 7 July 2021

Recommendations

The Place Board will be kept informed of developments in relation to the ICS and the ICP generally, including the implications for Rotherham of any further guidance published centrally on place-based partnerships and the Health & Care Bill itself, in due course.

Recommendation

The Place Board is asked to approve the updated Agreement and note that the ICP approach will be subject to further development over 2021/22 in line with policy and legislation and as such the Agreement will need to be kept under review and updated further for April 2022