

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

meeting date: THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2021
title: CHANGES TO STRATEGIC HEALTH STRUCTURES
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To receive information and updates on changes to strategic health structures affecting the borough.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Community Objectives – To help make people's lives safer and healthier
- Corporate Priorities – To ensure opportunities are taken to represent community Interests.
- Other Considerations – None

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 For some time now the health and care organisations in Lancashire and South Cumbria have worked together as the Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System (ICS). The ICS is a partnership of organisations working together to improve services and help the 1.8m. people in Lancashire and South Cumbria to live longer and healthier lives. Local authorities, public sector NHS and voluntary and community organisations, have come together to form the partnership with a view to improving the outcomes and care for residents of the area. The approach to tackling this objective is to try and join up health and care services, understand the priorities of local communities and to take steps to tackle some of the health challenges that are facing the wider region in an integrated and effective way.

2.2 The ICS comprises five local areas, one of which includes Pennine Lancashire, of which the health and care services for the much of the Ribble Valley sits under. It is important to note that parts of Ribble Valley to the west, including areas of Chipping, Longridge, Ribchester, sit within the Central Lancashire area.

2.3 In Pennine Lancashire the Integrated Care Partnership has been operating since 2016 and seeks to represent all health and care organisations including local councils and the voluntary community and faith and social sector. For management purposes, the area has been considered under 13 neighbourhoods comprising areas of 30,000 to 50,000 registered to a GP. In Ribble Valley this relates to the Ribblesdale Health Partnership area.

2.4 In February 2021 the Government published its white paper outlining how the NHS in England needs to change to enable health and care to work more closely together. From the white paper the subsequent Health and Care Bill has been published which seeks to drive strategic change both in terms of how health services are delivered and commissioned and how different organisations, including local authorities, can work together to help promote health care, public health, and social care. It is understood that the Health and Care Bill is likely to be enacted in the next few months. Attached

at Appendix A to this report is a summary presentation containing information that relates specifically to the Pennine Lancashire ICP and sets out its intentions for the development and delivery of services over the next 12 months. Members will note from this information that the integration of local authorities into this process is a key element around joining up established and traditional local authority services which seek to play a role in ensuring a healthier community.

- 2.5 It is identified that there is a strong role for Local Government and the importance of district functions such as planning, economic development, housing, leisure, and green spaces are all recognised as being critical determinants to support good health and a key aim of this partnership is to try and continue to join these areas of public service.
- 2.6 Issues will be monitored through the Council's Health and Wellbeing Partnership which will give Members the opportunity to contribute to the development of the wider integration of services and to monitor any effects on delivery of services to the local community. The information set out in this report is provided to give some background to Members for future reports that will be presented for consideration as any issues emerge because of the changing structures and the anticipated introduction of the Health and Care Act.



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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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