
Report to: Inclusive Growth and Public Policy Panel

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Subject: **Opportunities for West Yorkshire in the context of the NHS Long Term Plan and Inclusive Growth**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1. To inform Panel members of opportunities for West Yorkshire in the context of the NHS Long Term Plan and Inclusive Growth.

2. Information

The 10 Year Plan for England and 5 Year Strategy for West Yorkshire and Harrogate

- 2.1. The long awaited NHS Long Term Plan¹ was published on 7th January 2019. It sets out the Government's ambition for how the NHS can respond to the challenge of planning future health services for England in the context of demographic changes, increased demand and the overall context of finite financial resources.
- 2.2. The plan contains a bold vision that situates health services in the context of Population Health and includes references to situating health services in the kind of policies and outcomes that people in Local Government have been advocating for many years.
- 2.3. Whilst the Long Term Plan acknowledges that health services, as commissioned and delivered by the NHS, are only part of the picture, it does fall short of being a fully rounded vision for the overall health and wellbeing of the nation. For example, whilst it references the need to work with local authorities in relation to social care and integration, it does not have a particularly strong emphasis on all influencing the factors that ensure healthy environments: decent housing, access to green and blue space, planning and

¹ The NHS England Long Term Plan can be read here: <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/>

urban design, and the kind of inclusive growth that expands employment and opportunity.

- 2.4. The publication of the national 10 Year Plan for the NHS – includes the commitment that every Integrated Care System² in the country will develop a new 5 Year Strategy for Health and Care. The development of this plan offers the opportunity to provide a more rounded, local approach that includes the full role of the Local Authorities and other non-NHS partners.
- 2.5. This Strategy will be developed by September 2019.

Opportunities to better link Health and Wellbeing with Inclusive Growth agendas:

- 2.6. The West Yorkshire 5 Year Strategy is being seen as a positive step forward and does provide some key opportunities for us at a regional systems level to link together the agendas of improved health services and the factors that generate and sustain health.
- 2.7. The Inclusive Growth and Public Policy Panel (IGPPP) could play a key influencing role on including that broader emphasis on conditions for health in the development and delivery of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate 5 Year Strategy. For example:
 - The planned emphasis on prevention, healthy lifestyles and best start in life all point towards local areas creating the conditions for the whole population rather than just targeted interventions for people who become unwell. The IGPPP could advocate that this is formally connected to key agendas of planning for housing, transport and employment.
 - The focus on primary care/ local care partnerships aims to provide locally integrated services. The IGPPP could advocate that this links to key agendas of employment support, debt advice, housing in a fully integrated way.
 - The increased emphasis on social prescribing provides the opportunity to situate this in the context of local availability, social activity and liveable communities not just for the role of the “prescriber” inside a medical setting. The IGPPP could ensure this is linked to key agendas of the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy, active travel and affordable travel.
 - Increased collaboration between large institutions, with a potential reduction of aspects of the NHS’s rigid procurement regime. The IGPPP could link this to key agendas of local growth and the Anchor Institutions approach.
 - Increased focus on digital solutions. The IGPPP could take the opportunity to link the key agendas of digital inclusion and the potential for the LEP and Leeds City Region to further develop its significant advances in health-tech and med-tech.

² Integrated Care System (ICS) are partnerships of health and care organisations (including the Ambulance Service, Community Healthcare providers, Clinical Commissioning Groups, Healthwatchs, Hospital Trusts, Local Authorities, Mental Health Trusts and the Voluntary and Community Sector) that work collectively to plan health and care services on a larger footprint. West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership is an ICS in development – meaning it has some limited responsibilities for system oversight, but no devolved responsibilities or budgets.

- The focus on mental health in relation to employment. The IGPPP could take the opportunity to widen this further by emphasising that education and skills are the single biggest modifiable factor in relation to life time health – not solely to good mental health in the workplace. The Panel could also advocate that we include all the factors that contribute to low productivity and take joint focus on reducing the numbers of people currently excluded from the workplace, e.g. due to disability, having caring responsibilities, etc..
- The focus on health inequalities in the NHS Plan is largely on treating the symptoms (e.g. higher rates of cancer, stroke etc.). The IGPPP could take the opportunity to influence the 5 Year Strategy to include joint action to address the root causes of inequality and ill-health (e.g. air quality, poverty, housing, skills etc.).

Next Steps:

- 2.8. In West Yorkshire and Harrogate, a new 5 Year Strategy will be developed by September.
- 2.9. The timetable includes a number of points where the IGPPP could play a role:
 - Now to mid-April 2019 - Existing programmes carry out review and refresh. New programmes (in line with decisions above) are established. First cut of programme material received. – **IGPPP could take part in the Review Process.**
 - April / May 2019
Check and confirm processes used to confirm programme objectives and identify gaps. – **IGPPP could help identify gaps and make connections to Inclusive Growth priorities.**
 - 5 June 2019
Health and Care Public Partnership Board confirms priorities and approach – **Council Leaders and Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs have the opportunity to ensure IG priorities are included.**
 - June / July 2019
First draft of the strategy developed for Boards. – **IGPPP could formally receive and comment on the draft strategy**
 - 3 September 2019
Health and Care Public Partnership Board approves final document. - **Council Leaders and Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs have the opportunity to sign off and ensure Inclusive Growth priorities are included.**
- 2.10. The Inclusive Growth Panel is asked to consider options for:
 - Influencing the development of the 5 Year Strategy for West Yorkshire and Harrogate;
 - Integrating health and care outcomes into the work of the IGPPP.

3. Financial Implications

3.1. There are no financial implication directly arising from this report.

4. Legal Implications

4.1. There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

5. Staffing Implications

5.1. There are no immediate staffing implications directly arising from this report.

6. External Consultees

6.1. There are no implications directly arising from this report.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That the Panel discusses the opportunities to influence and integrate the health and care agenda in regards to the 5 Year Strategy for West Yorkshire and Harrogate and Inclusive Growth.

8. Background Documents

8.1. None

9. Appendices

9.1. None