

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Primary Care Strategy</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	The Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	30 July 2015

**Purpose of Report:** To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board about the Primary Care Strategy.

**Recommended Action:** to comment

<i>When decisions of the Health and Wellbeing Board impact on the finances or general operation of the Council, recommendations of the Board must be referred up to the Executive for final determination and decision.</i>		
<b>Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council's Executive for final determination?</b>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Is this item relevant to equality?</b>	Please tick relevant boxes		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:				
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Outcome</b> Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality. In this instance please give details of how the item impacts upon the equality streams under the executive report section as outlined.				

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# Executive Report

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## 1. Background

- 1.1 The four Berkshire West CCGs have recently been approved to jointly commission primary medical services with NHS England under co-commissioning arrangements. These arrangements are to be discharged through the Joint Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee which met for the first time on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Each of the Health and Wellbeing Boards in Berkshire West is represented on this Committee. The Newbury representative is Graham Jones, Chair Health & Wellbeing West Berkshire Council.
- 1.2 The work of the Committee will be guided by the Berkshire West Primary Care Strategy. This has been developed through a Task and Finish Group involving key representatives from each of the four CCGs and taking into account views expressed by patients around primary care issues through the recent series of Call-to-Action meetings and subsequent public events. It was approved in principle at the first meeting of the Committee, subject to a number of minor amendments. Alongside the strategy, the Committee approved an outline communications plan which will include production and discussion of a more patient-orientated version of the document as well as focussed engagement with patients and partners around key areas for action.
- 1.3 The strategy is focussed around five strategic objectives which reflect what will be required of the primary care sector in order for it to support the delivery of the CCGs' overarching vision of providing more care outside of hospital. Likewise, in the context of increasing demand, growing populations and workforce constraints, the strategy recognises that early action is required to place primary care on a sustainable footing in order to enable it to move towards the models of care described. The strategic objectives set out in the strategy are therefore as follows:
- Addressing current pressures and creating a sustainable primary care sector.
  - Interfacing in new ways with specialisms historically provided in secondary care to manage increasingly complex chronic disease in a community setting.
  - Managing the health of a population in partnership with others. Acting as accountable clinicians for the Over 75s and other high risk patients and co-ordinating an increasingly complex team of people working in primary, community and social care to support patients at home.
  - Offering extended provision to improve access and better meet the needs of patients requiring urgent care. Using new approaches to ensure access to primary care in line with patient need.
  - Making effective referrals to other services when patients will most benefit.
- 1.4 The strategy sits alongside the CCGs' Strategic and Operational Plans as well as the local Better Care Fund plans. As such the key workstreams within it such as collaborative working, the move towards seven day provision, multi-agency care planning, IT connectivity and closer working with the voluntary sector will already be familiar to Health and Wellbeing Board members. The strategy incorporates all of these themes into a single document which will be used as the basis for the primary

care contracting decisions that the CCGs and NHS England will take as co-commissioners, as well as to support an ongoing dialogue with patients, partners and providers around what primary care will look like in the future. The strategy will also guide a programme of transformational work to support and develop the role of primary care as part of the wider health and social care system.

## **2. Equalities**

2.1 This item is not relevant to equality.

### **Appendices**

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Appendix A - see attached primary care strategy