

Report to:	Cabinet	Date of Meeting:	1 April 2021
Subject:	Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership Draft Memorandum of Understanding		
Report of:	Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health	Wards Affected:	(All Wards);
Portfolio:	Cabinet Member - Health and Wellbeing		
Is this a Key Decision:	Yes	Included in Forward Plan:	Yes
Exempt / Confidential Report:	No		

Summary:

The report offers a review of the latest version of the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and asks Cabinet for their intention to sign the final version of the MoU once formally submitted to the Council. Cabinet is asked to delegate this to the Cabinet member for Health and Wellbeing.

Recommendations:

- (1) Cabinet welcomes the latest version of the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) subject to the comments upon the same expressed by the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing in their joint letter of 2nd March 2021, which is included as appendix 3 to the report and notes that it may be revised further: and
- (2) Cabinet delegates authority to sign the final version of the MOU to the Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

Support the implementation of the Governance of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care System.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

Proposed legislative changes once enacted will require new arrangements to be put in place and so doing nothing is not an option.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

None identified at this time

(B) Capital Costs

None identified at this time

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets): None identified at this time
Legal Implications: As identified in the report and appendices.
Equality Implications: There are no equality implications.

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable: Proposals allow a Sefton Health and Care system focus on health inequalities and wider determinants of health
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Proposals allow greater localised control and focus on the needs of the borough of Sefton in the design, delivery and review of Health and Care Services
Commission, broker and provide core services: Proposals strength the role of Strategic Commission at a Sefton borough level and encourage greater collaboration for better outcomes.
Place – leadership and influencer: proposals set out the road map for greater local control driven by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
Drivers of change and reform: Proposals allow a Sefton Health and Care system focus on health inequalities and wider determinants of health
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Proposals allow for a broader financial focus on the borough of Sefton for Health and Care services
Greater income for social investment: Proposals allow for a broader financial focus on the borough of Sefton for Health and Care services
Cleaner Greener; Proposals will allow a greater focus on wider determinants of Health

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.6344/21) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.4545/21) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Proposals build on the NHS England led national consultation Integrating care: Next steps to building strong and effective integrated care systems across England (which closed on the 8th January). The consultation on the development of the MoU has been led by the Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership which Sefton has engaged in to date

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call-in” period for the Minutes of the Cabinet Meeting

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Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

1. The latest version of the MoU for a response
2. Letter from Chair of HCP
3. Letter from Councillor Ian Moncur and Councillor Ian Maher providing a response.

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction:

- 1.1 Following the Government White Paper “Working together to improve Health and Social Care for All” on proposed legislative changes an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) has been developed by the Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership to outline the governance arrangements across all nine local authority footprints regarding working with the emerging Integrated Care System.
- 1.2 The MoU and the work of the Health Care Partnership will be critical to the development of an Integrated Care System in Cheshire and Merseyside and the Integrated Care Partnership in Sefton. Once proposed legislation regarding integration has been enacted this will require new arrangements to be put in

place. The new arrangements will affect the way in which the Health and Care system works in an integrated way. This MoU will assist in establishing governance arrangements during this planning phase.

2. Development of the MoU:

- 2.1 On the 2nd February 2021 Alan Yates, Chair of Cheshire & Merseyside Health and Care Partnership wrote to all partners with a revised version of the MoU which is appended. The Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership are now asking for formal consideration of the latest version of the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the governance arrangement for the Integrated Care System by the 12th March 2021.
- 2.2 In advance of this deadline Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing, Children's Social Care and Education met to consider a response and this was sent to the Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership.
- 2.3 The latest version of the MoU has strengthened the position of Council scrutiny and clarified that democratically elected Councillors will continue to hold the partner organisations accountable through their formal Scrutiny powers. The MOU has now addressed specific issues raised by the Council notably the representation at board extended to all 9 Councils across the Cheshire and Mersey footprint. Full detail of the points can be found in the appendix.

3. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the Cabinet on behalf of the Council is recommended to support the principles laid out in the latest draft of the Cheshire and Merseyside Health Care Partnership MoU however, continued support from Sefton Council is contingent on having full engagement in the emerging new arrangements.