

Cheshire East Council Health and Wellbeing Board

At the 27th June meeting of the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board a report on the Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board's Joint Forward Plan 2023 – 2028 was received and the Board was requested to:

- I. Note the approach being taken in developing the Joint Forward Plan
- II. Provide feedback on key areas of content and highlight any additions or revisions the Board would like to see in the next version of the Plan in March 2024
- III. Provide a statement outlining whether the Plan includes the relevant priorities within the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board noted the approach and provided comments on the draft during the meeting.

The Board agrees that the four core strategic objectives and the identified priorities of the Joint Forward Plan align with and reflect those within the Cheshire East Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The focus upon the recommendations of the 'All Together Fairer' report are particularly welcomed.

We are pleased to see the inclusion of early intervention and prevention within the Plan, but would like to see even more emphasis on this next year with the system shifting over time to more of a focus on and investment in upstream interventions. Only by shifting the emphasis from treatment to prevention will the demands on the system (health and care) ever be managed.

It will be critical that the nine Places and their neighbourhoods (Care Communities) are adequately supported with delegated decision-making and resources to allow them to effectively contribute to the achievement of the 'We Will' statements. The current lack of subsidiarity is a concern and is limiting the ability of Places to transform at pace.