

Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Report subject	Integrated Neighbourhood Teams
Meeting date	1 December 2025
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	The government has emphasised the importance of this shift in its ambition for neighbourhood health services enabling people to live more years of healthy, active and independent life and improve their experience of health and care, whilst connecting together and making optimal use of health and care resource by: • Moving care from hospital to community, so that more people can be cared for at home, helping them to maintain their independence for as long as possible, only using hospitals when that is the best place for people to be. • Making better use of technology to support people to take better care of themselves, to improve treatment and diagnostics, and to provide seamless care across organisations. • Focussing on preventing illness with an increased focus on prevention and proactive care To realise this ambition health and care services need to: • Streamline access to care and advice for people who get ill or become in need but only use health and care services infrequently: providing them with much more choice about how they access care and ensuring that support is available in their community when they need it. • Provide more proactive, personalised care with support from a multidisciplinary team of professionals to people with more complex needs, including, but not limited to, those with multiple long-term conditions. • Help people to stay well for longer as part of a more ambitious and joined-up approach to prevention. Our approach is to develop Integrated Neighbourhood Teams (INTs) Integrated Neighbourhood Teams will be responsible for working with their local communities to improve health and wellbeing outcomes, co-design sustainable and high-quality health and care provision and improve the quality of life for individuals across the community by increasing accessibility to services.

	These teams will work together to provide joined-up services which work more efficiently and provide quicker access to the care and support that people need. Integrated Neighbourhood Teams will be the gel that keeps things together for people within our communities. We will need to work across partners, with citizens and communities, to co-design local solutions and also to improve systems and processes to reduce the burden of administration for our staff. This will not be simple; it will take time to deliver the full extent of the ambition and get everything in place. The first two years of the Integrated Neighbourhood Team programme is building the foundations for this way of working and supporting the development of Neighbourhood Health Services. The report provides a summary of the progress made in building INTs across BCP and how the programme is developing to reflect the emerging Neighbourhood Health agenda.
Recommendations	It is RECOMMENDED that: The committee note the progress made on developing Integrated Neighbourhood Teams
Reason for recommendations	To ensure the committee is aware of, and able to influence, the development of the programme

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Appendices

Appendix 1. INT Programme Summary Pack