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Summary and Purpose of Paper

The changes to the Health and Care Act 2022 enables health and care organisations to improve services and outcomes through stronger joint working and to take shared responsibility for tackling growing health inequalities within their population.

The Act also required ICBs and partner local authorities to form a committee, the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP). A key accountability for the ICP is to produce an Integrated Care Strategy, setting out how the assessed needs of the local population will be met, including that from Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs). This includes social care, primary and secondary care, physical and mental health, and health related services across the whole population regardless of age.

As a system we have made significant progress through the programme of work under the Fit for my Future direction. Building on this the ICP has been actively working to progress to our Integrated Health and Care Strategy.

This enclosed document is our initial integrated Health and Care Strategy. It provides our strategic direction and key aspirations at a high level. We have based this initial strategy on our understanding of health and care needs across Somerset at this time. The document will develop over time, particularly as we do more work to understand our population health needs and engage with our key stakeholders, partner organisations, our patients and our public.

Recommendations and next steps

To Consider the initial strategy and to discuss next steps.