

**Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee**

20 June 2017

Report of the Assistant Director – Legal & Governance

**Proposed CCG Engagement Scrutiny Review Scoping Report**

**Summary**

1. This report introduces proposals for a scrutiny review into the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) approach to public and stakeholder engagement on delivering its Operational Plan 2017-19 and its Medium-Term Financial Strategy (Annex 1).

**Background**

2. At a meeting of the former Health & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee on 29 March 2017 the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group Accountable Officer updated Members on the CCG Operational Plan 2017-19 and its Medium-Term Financial Strategy. The plans represent how the CCG will work to balance care outcomes with the need to address a forecast deficit of £44.1 million on 2017/18.
3. The Accountable Officer confirmed the Operational Plan was shared in full with the Committee to allow further engagement and to clarify how the Committee and CCG can work together to support the development and delivery of the programmes of work required.
4. The CCG recognises the critical importance of engaging with the local population and partners in order for local people to clearly understand the challenges faced in their health and care system and how they can support and shape future service delivery.
5. It was also noted the CCG is developing an Engagement Programme for joint work with partners and the local population and would welcome the opportunity to provide regular updates to this Committee each time it meets on joint programmes of work in the Accountable Care System.

6. There were proposals for events to consult with residents and the CCG would make sure that plans were accessible and clear.
7. Later in the meeting it was proposed that a scoping report be prepared on the potential of establishing a Task Group to engage with the CCG to support the delivery of its financial recovery and operational plans and to work fairly with the CCG to review current involvement practice of both the public and other stakeholders in commissioning.

### **Proposed remit**

8. If the Committee agree to appoint a Task Group to undertake a scrutiny review, the proposed remit is:

Aim: To explore the efficacy of current practice for the involvement of the public and stakeholders in commissioning in York.

### Objectives:

- i. To look at current NHS England guidance to consider the extent to which it feels the CCG meets expectations set out in relevant guidance.
- ii. To act as a 'critical friend' with the aim of reaching a view as to the adequacy of current involvement practice and developing a set of recommendations for the CCG for future involvement of both the public and other stakeholders (including the local authority) in commissioning.
- iii. Develop a list of criteria against which health scrutiny would in future review all commissioning activity of the CCG, with a clear set of guidelines making clear the categories of commissioning decision that the committee would expect to be informed of in future. This could include thresholds based on factors such as contract size, number of patients affected, level of impact etc.
- iv. Explore options for an 'Involvement charter' agreed between the CCG, Providers, The Local Authority and Healthwatch and under such a model, all parties could agree to a set of involvement and scrutiny principles, with Healthwatch acting as the arbiter, and produce a public bi-annual report showing the extent to which commissioners and providers had fulfilled their commitments for public and stakeholder involvement.

## **Consultation**

9. Consultation with the CCG and partner organisations will play a significant part in this scrutiny review should the Committee agree to undertake this work.

## **Options**

10. Members can:
  - i. Proceed with a scrutiny review into the CCG's approach to public and stakeholder engagement on delivering its Operational Plan 2017-19 and its Medium-Term Financial Strategy
  - ii. Agree or amend the remit detailed in paragraph 8
  - iii. Appoint a Task Group to carry out this work on the Committee's behalf
  - iv. Agree not to undertake such a scrutiny review.

## **Council Plan**

11. This report and its annex are directly linked to A Focus on Frontline Services and A Council That Listens to Residents priorities in the Council Plan 2015-19.

## **Implications**

12. There are no implications attached to the recommendation in this report. As with all CCG plans there are equality impact assessments and a quality impact assessments on-going which will be finalised to augment the plan when full approval is given.

## **Risk management**

13. There are no risks attached to the recommendation in this report. However, the CCG is considering the full risk assessment for each work stream within each programme for 2017-18. This will be incorporated into the CCG risk register if/ as required.

## **Recommendation**

14. Members are recommended to agree to undertake a scrutiny review into the CCG's approach to public and stakeholder engagement and the remit detailed in paragraph 8 and appoint a Task Group to carry out this

work on the Committee's behalf.

Reason: To work with the CCG to support delivery of its Operational Plan 2017-19 and its Medium-Term Financial Strategy

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All

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**Annexes:**

Annex 1 – Proposal for scrutiny review into CCG Engagement