

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

8 November 2017

Report of the Head of Joint Commissioning Programme, NHS Vale of York CCG and City of York Council.

## **Joint Commissioning Update**

### **Summary**

1. This report provides Health and Wellbeing Board with the following information:
  - Progress on the development of the Joint Commissioning Plan, in line with the joint Commissioning Strategy;
  - An update on the Better Care Fund (BCF) assurance process;
  - A briefing on the Care Quality Commission (CQC) Local System Review of York, currently in progress.

### **Background**

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the Joint Commissioning Strategy 2016 – 2020 in January 2017. The strategy included a commitment to develop a Joint Commissioning Plan. The jointly funded post of Head of Joint Commissioning was created in June 2017 by the Council and NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to take forward this work. A draft plan has been in place since July 2017 and is attached at Annex A.
3. The Health and Wellbeing Board has received regular reports from the joint chairs of the Better Care Fund Performance and Delivery Task Group. These reports have informed the board of planning requirements and assurance processes for the 2017-19 period. This report includes an update on the current position.
4. The board is aware of the ongoing Care Quality Commission (CQC) Local System Review of York, having received a full briefing and participated in a development discussion in October 2017.

## **Main/Key Issues to be Considered**

### Joint Commissioning

5. The Joint Commissioning Plan will evolve over the remaining two quarters of 2017-18. Opportunities for further integration are being actively pursued. One of the national conditions for the BCF is to have a plan for integration by 2020. The current plan contributes to these developments.

### Better Care Fund

6. The Integration and BCF Narrative Plan 2017-19 was submitted on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017, in line with the prescribed timetable.
7. The Better Care Fund assurance process has been carried out at the regional level, resulting in York's plan being included in the national assurance and escalation process. The plan did not meet NHS England expectations on two key areas. Firstly, NHS England was not satisfied that the requirements on minimum financial expenditure were met on carers and Reablement. Secondly, NHS England required York to agree a target for the reduction in Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) which was based on known errors in the data, resulting in a target of zero delays attributable to the NHS.
8. The Council and CCG participated in discussions with NHS England through the Escalation Panel teleconference on 19<sup>th</sup> October, and there has been further correspondence to clarify the York position. This clarification has satisfied NHS England that the funding in the plan is compliant with the requirements. The partners remain concerned about taking on a stretch target of this magnitude for DTOC in a system where the wider pressures are well known. We have proposed that a revised target of 3.5% is confirmed but it will be challenging to achieve and will require close monitoring.
9. We await the outcome of this next stage in the process by 26<sup>th</sup> October, and the completion of the assurance process by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

## CQC Review

10. CQC commenced the review of York in September 2017, with an initial visit on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October. We submitted the System Overview Information Return (SOIR) on 20<sup>th</sup> October and Annex B refers. CQC will be completing their on site programme during the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> October, with initial feedback being provided at the end of the week. The final report will be presented at a Local Summit in December, and published afterwards. The Local Summit is intended for Health and Wellbeing Board members.
11. A national interim report, drawing together the findings from the first few reviews will be published in mid November.

## **Consultation**

12. No consultation has taken place to produce this update report.

## **Options**

13. This report is for information only and there are no options for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider.

## **Analysis**

14. Not applicable.

## **Strategic/Operational Plans**

15. As above:
  - Joint Commissioning Strategy
  - Integration and Better Care Fund Plan

## **Implications**

16. One of the key challenges facing partners is the stated desire to progress shared initiatives and grow the level of pooled resource whilst managing the on-going system pressure. Movement towards an accountable care system with localised planning and delivery provides a platform to develop this intent.

## Risk Management

17. Risks which have been previously reported to the board in relation to BCF remain relevant.
18. The CQC review report will be published in December. We are confident that it will highlight our good practice, and we should anticipate there will be areas for improvement. We will prepare a response informing the public of actions we are taking to address these.

## Recommendations

19. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note this report.

Reason: To keep the Health and Wellbeing Board informed about these areas of work.

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**Wards Affected:**

**All**

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Background Papers:**

None

## **Annexes**

Annex A – Joint Commissioning Plan (draft)

Annex B – York System Overview Information Return (SOIR)