

Integrating Health and Social Care in North Yorkshire and York

Background

1. Both North Yorkshire and York's Health and Wellbeing Boards are fully committed to integrating care and this is a core aim running through both Health and Wellbeing Strategies. Earlier this year both Health and Wellbeing Boards authorised the establishment of the North Yorkshire and York Integrated Commissioning Board to take forward this work on their behalf.
2. On a national level, in May this year, the government further strengthened their vision of integration by announcing their ambition 'to make joined-up and coordinated health and care the norm by 2018 – with projects in every part of the country by 2015'.
3. This report will update the Health and Wellbeing Board on work that is being carried out in North Yorkshire and York to integrate health and social care to meet these ambitions.
4. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:
 - Note the clear directive from government to integrate health and care by 2018.
 - Note the progress being made locally to achieve integration, notably the North Yorkshire and York Integrated Commissioning Board, the bid to become a Pioneer Site for integration and the York Collaborative Transformation Board.

Summary of progress towards integration

Integration Pioneer Bid

5. Along with the government's announcement in May, a programme of pioneer programmes was launched, inviting proposals from local areas to progress integration at pace and scale, becoming a 'pioneer site'.

A proposal has been submitted for North Yorkshire and York which will accelerate our plans to contribute to the national work and adopt a coordinated approach to:

- Reduce fragmentation
- Eradicate unnecessary repetition
- Improve efficiency
- Deliver a better service for patients and carers

6. The Pioneer Programme is highly competitive, but whatever the result of the bid North Yorkshire and York are fully committed to its implementation. The bid is attached as Annex A.

Towards a Framework for Integration

7. A Framework will underpin the work set out in the bid to become a Pioneer Site for Integration and will guide the work of the Integrated Commissioning Board. In April this year Andrew Cozens worked with York's Health and Wellbeing Board to progress this work. The Framework continues to be developed and will set out a consistent approach to the key issues of governance, accountability, leadership and resources. Within the Framework, models for integration of commissioning and services will be developed, appropriate to the group, activities and locality.

York Collaborative Transformation Board

8. The Collaborative Transformation Board has been established and is chaired by Paul Edmondson-Jones, Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, on behalf of the City of York Council and Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group and it will have senior representation from lead providers of care and HealthWatch. This Board will coordinate and lead the integration work that is focused on the Vale of York geographic area and it will have a clear line of accountability to the wider North Yorkshire and York Integrated Commissioning Board.
9. An initial piece of work that will be led by the York Collaborative Transformation Board is the mapping of care pathways for the frail elderly. A workshop is being held on 1st July which will help commissioners better understand these pathways and to inform their redesign to improve their coordination.

10. To summarise, our approach towards integration is not necessarily about merging and/or restructuring specific services, but rather is about ensuring that the care system as a whole is joined up and coordinated at the point of delivery and meets the needs of individuals and their carers.

Council Plan

11. The proposals in this paper have particular relevance to the 'Building Strong Communities' and 'Protecting Vulnerable People' strands of the council plan.

Implications

12. There are no immediate implications associated with this report. However, as work towards implementing health and social care progresses, care pathways will be redesigned which may have an impact on health and wellbeing organisations, services and support in the city.

Risk Management

13. There are no significant risks associated with the recommendations in this paper.

Recommendations

14. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Note the clear directive from government to integrate health and care by 2018.
- Note the progress being made locally to achieve integration, notably the North Yorkshire and York Integrated Commissioning Board, the bid to become a Pioneer Site for integration and the York Collaborative Transformation Board.

Reason: To fulfil their duty and commitment to integrating health and social care to achieve coordinated care and support at the point of delivery.

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A. Wards Affected:

All

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Annexes

Annex A – North Yorkshire and York Integration Pioneer Bid