

Report from NHS Vale of York CCG

Musculoskeletal Services

1. Summary

The purpose of this paper is to give an update on why the Musculoskeletal (MSK) mobilisation process was stopped and what potential impacts this might have on service users.

2. Background

(i) Reasons for stopping the MSK Mobilisation Process

MSK Services were awarded to Healthshare earlier this year and a 3 month mobilisation period commenced. During the mobilisation due diligence is undertaken by both the Commissioner and the Provider. During this process, issues were identified specifically relating to estates and finances which would have had an impact on the overall outcome of the procurement exercise if these had been apparent at the time of evaluation. Therefore it was not possible to continue to contract signature with Healthshare. Further specific details cannot be shared at this stage due to commercial sensitivities.

As part of the procurement process, it is acceptable to offer the contract to the second placed bidder. This would have involved a period of due diligence / mobilisation and further delay a contract start date. The current service provided by York Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust (YTHFT) was winding down and they were operating with reduced staff numbers.

This would have an impact on both existing and new users of the MSK service and therefore the Clinical Commissioning Group didn't think it was in the interests of patients to continue towards contract award to a second place provider but instead concentrate in the interim in re-establishing the existing service as soon as possible.

(ii) Arrangements for MSK services from December 2nd, 2015

As of December 2nd, YTHFT have agreed to remobilise their MSK service so that GPs will be able to refer patients into the service. This allows services for patients with both chronic and acute need to be seen. The CCG is continuing to work with YTHFT on arranging when the self-referral process will be available and will look to have this in place as soon as is practicably possible. The CCG will also continue with the interim physiotherapy arrangements with Nuffield Health and Ramsay Health Care to help maintain continuity of care for patients that have been referred into those services since October 1st.

The CCG will also be looking to use this interim period as an opportunity to engage with service users and clinicians to further review existing and future service requirements.

Consultation

3. N/A

Options

4. N/A

Analysis

5. N/A

Council Plan

6. N/A

Implications

7. N/A

Risk Management

8. N/A

Recommendation

9. This paper is for information only

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Abbreviations

CCG- Clinical Commissioning Group

MSK- Musculoskeletal

YTHFT- York Teaching Hospital Foundation Trust