
Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

20th July 2010

Report of the Head of Civic, Legal & Democratic Services

Transforming Community Services

Summary

1. This report provides Members with the opportunity to comment on a recent NHS North Yorkshire & York board paper, which provides an update regarding how Transforming Community Services is being introduced in North Yorkshire & York. This is attached at Annex A to this report.
2. It also provides Members with further background information on Transforming Community Services for information and details are at Annexes B, C & D to this report.

Background

3. NHS North Yorkshire & York currently has two distinct functions – firstly it is the main commissioner of healthcare services from hospital trusts and secondly, via its provider arm (Community & Mental Health Services (CMHS)), it provides a wide range of community health care services, including:
 - District nurses, community rehabilitation, fast response teams
 - Specialist nursing (e.g., diabetes, cancer, palliative care)
 - Children's and family services (health visiting, school nursing, community paediatrics, specialist nursing and speech therapy)
 - Sexual health and family planning services
 - Community equipment and wheelchair services
 - Safeguarding children, smoking cessation
 - Podiatry
 - Salaried dental services
 - Prison healthcare
 - Minor injuries units and walk in services
 - GP out of hours services
4. CMHS also provides mental health services across most of North Yorkshire, including York.
5. In January 2009 the Department of Health issued national guidance, 'Transforming Community Services: Enabling new patterns of provision' under which Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) are required to have determined the future

organisational model for separating their provider and commissioning functions by October 2010. The Executive Summary is included at Annex B to this report.

6. In February 2010 the Department of Health published 'the assurance and approvals process for PCT provided community services' which sets out the criteria Strategic Health Authorities had to use to assess PCT's proposals for new organisational structures. These criteria are set out in Annex C to this report.
7. In addition to this, and as a result of the changed political environment there have been changes to the operating framework for the NHS in England 2010/11. Revisions to this document included 'Future Direction and next steps on transforming community services' and the relevant extract is at Annex D to this report.
8. The Deputy Chief Executive (Director of Localities) from NHS North Yorkshire & York will be in attendance at the meeting to present the update (Annex A refers) and answer any questions that Members might have.

Consultation

9. As work has progressed, Members have received several updates at previous meetings in relation to Transforming Community Services.

Options

10. Members are asked to:
 - i. Comment on the updates received at today's meeting.
 - ii. Consider and comment on the impact 'Transforming Community Services' will have on the residents of York
11. Members also have the option of receiving further updates from NHS North Yorkshire & York as their work progresses.

Analysis

12. Members should consider the effect that the proposals set out above and in the updates today will have on the residents of York and advise NHS North Yorkshire & York of any concerns that they might have or comments that they would like to make.
13. Members are advised to ask for a further update from NHS North Yorkshire & York once further progress has been made.

Corporate Strategy 2009/2012

14. This report relates to the Healthy City theme of the Corporate Strategy 2009/2012.

Implications

15. There are no known financial, legal or human resources implications associated with the recommendations within this report. However; 'Transforming Community Services' may well have an impact on the way some services are delivered to York residents in the future.

Risk Management

16. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations within this report.

Recommendations

17. Members are asked to:
- i. Note the report and updates given at today's meeting and provide any comments they may have to NHS North Yorkshire & York
 - ii. Consider when they would like to receive a further update from NHS North Yorkshire & York

Reason: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

Attached

Annexes

Annex A PCT Board Paper dated 22nd June 2010

Annex B Executive Summary: Transforming Community Services: Enabling New Patterns of Provision

Annex C Extract: Transforming Community Services: The Assurance and Approvals Process for PCT-Provided Community Services

Annex D Extract From the Revision to the Operating Framework for the NHS in England 2010/11