

Report of the Director of Adults, Children and Education

Establishing a Transition Board for Liberating the NHS

Summary

1. This paper seeks agreement to the Terms of Reference for a Transition Board, to oversee the changes anticipated as a result of the White Paper “Liberating the NHS”.

Background

2. On the 5 October 2010 the Executive agreed in principle to the establishment of a Transition Board, under the direction of the Chief Executive. The Executive asked that the Terms of Reference be reported back for agreement.
3. The White Paper proposes significant changes, which will affect the commissioning of health care, and the role of the Local Authority. Whilst we must await the Government’s response to the consultation to understand fully the details, it is clear that change will be required.
4. A number of the changes will impact specifically on the Council, and a number will impact on our health partners. Changes will include:
 - Transfer of Public Health responsibilities from the PCT to Local Authority
 - The establishment of a Health and Wellbeing Board by the Local Authority
 - Changes to Scrutiny arrangements
 - Commissioning of a new HealthWatch service by the Local Authority
 - The transfer of commissioning responsibility, capability and capacity from the Primary Care Trust (PCT) to one or more GP commissioning consortium
 - Delivery of new Performance Frameworks for the NHS, public health and social care

Consultation

5. The proposed Terms of Reference, have been developed jointly by the Council and the PCT.
6. A draft of the Terms of Reference has been shared with key providers within the City – York Health Group, the current Practice Based Commissioning Consortium in the city, York Hospital Foundation Trust, York CVS on behalf of the voluntary sector, and our local LINK.

7. Given the joint nature of this development the Directors of North Yorkshire and York PCT will be asked to approve these terms of reference for the York Transition Board at their December meeting.

Options

8. To approve the Draft Terms of Reference as set out in Annex 1
9. To agree changes to the draft Terms of Reference

Analysis

10. The proposal to form a Transition Board is borne of a shared commitment to ensure that in a time of dramatic change that change is well managed, and draws on the advice and understanding of key stakeholders and experts. The Transition Board is not intended to undertake the new role of a Health and Wellbeing Board, but to oversee key work streams and put any new required partnerships and commissioning arrangements in place.
11. The Terms of Reference make it clear that decision making will be within the frameworks of the partner organisations. The Board will be providing regularly updates to relevant portfolio holders and to non executives within the PCT. Any policy or resourcing decision would be referred for consideration by the Executive.

Corporate Objectives

12. The White Paper will impact on the Council's objectives in respect of:
 - A Healthy City – we want to be a city where residents enjoy long healthy and independent lives. For this to happen we will make sure people are supported to make healthy lifestyle choices and that health and social care services are quick to respond to those that need them.

Implications

Financial

13. There are no financial implications for the Council in the establishment of a Transition Board. The officer time incurred will be from within the existing staffing structure.

Human Resources (HR)

14. There are no HR implications for the Council in the establishment of a Transition Board.

Equalities

15. There are no specific equalities implications for the Council in the establishment of a Transition Board.

Legal

16. There are no legal implications for the Council in the establishment of a Transition Board. Having the Board in place will provide local leadership equipped to implement forthcoming legislative requirements.

Crime and Disorder

17. There are no crime and disorder implications for the Council in the establishment of a Transition Board.

Information Technology (IT)

18. There are no immediate IT implications for the Council in the establishment of a Transition Board.

Property

19. There are no property implications for the Council in the establishment of a Transition Board.

Risk Management

20. There are no risks that require registration in the council's risk register in relation to the establishment of a Transition Board.

Recommendations

21. It is recommended that Executive approves the Terms of Reference as set out in Annex 1 and to delegate to the Chief Executive any minor modifications to the Terms of Reference arising from the discussion at the North Yorkshire and York PCT Board.

Reason: To ensure that the Council and its partners are able to address the challenges and changes that Liberating the NHS brings in a planned way, and maximising the opportunities for partnership and integrated working

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) None

Wards Affected:

All

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Annex

Annex 1 - Draft Terms of Reference Transition Board