



Derby City Council

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Thursday 14 November 2013

ITEM 5

Report of the NHS England Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Area Team

NHS England - Improving General Practice - A Call to Action

SUMMARY

1. A 'Call to Action' was launched nationally on 11 July 2013 and sets out the current issues facing the NHS, identifying the future challenges and establishing what a 'do nothing' scenario would look like. It explains the challenges ahead, and develop a 5 year commissioning plan.
2. Primary care services have a key role to play in meeting this challenge and NHS England has launched 'Improving General Practice – A Call to Action' to help shape the future of General Practice services in England. Recent engagement with General Practice, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), Area Teams, Health and Wellbeing Boards and other partners is stimulating debate as to how best to develop general practice services.
3. Patients need to be placed at the heart of commissioners' plans and health inequalities and outcomes must be improved. A debate needs to be taken forward with the local communities so discussions and decisions are made as close to patients as possible and that commissioning plans and strategies emerge to reflect local priorities. This will lead to the development of five year strategies and a transformational change programme.
4. Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Area Team recently led a Primary Care Workshop focussed on General Practice with participation from all ten Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) leads and key partners. The CCGs have primary care as a priority for developing options for change such as federations of practices and testing new pathways for same day/urgent care in General Practice, arising from unsustainable pressures in Primary Care.
5. Possible resources to take forward the options for change will be available from the Prime Minister's £50 million Challenge Fund which is expected to support between 7-10 proposals from across England. Other possible funding streams may include local transformational funding and the Integrated Transformation Fund.
6. The CCGs agreed to submit a Business Plan and Business Case for Primary Care transformational change to the Area Team by the end of November. This will describe 5 year primary care plans for transformation and implementation plans for the first 2 years. This builds on the integration that is already in place.
7. In December an application will be made to the Prime Ministers £50m Challenge fund as part of maximising opportunities for funding.

In January 2014 a draft Primary Care Strategy and implementation plan will describe all 10 CCG plans and actions for the next two years. The strategy will include the plans for all primary care contractor groups. Piloting and testing of new ways of working in General practice will also take place.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **NOTE** the progress to date and forward plan
- 2.3 **CONSIDER** to key questions

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards are critical in the implementation of the strategy and transformational programme

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 A Call to Action
http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/nhs_belongs.pdf
- 4.2 Improving General Practice – a call to action Evidence pack
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/09/igp-cta-evid.pdf>

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 To do nothing is not an option; the NHS could face a national funding gap of £30 billion if options for change are not taken forward

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 The NHS could face a national funding gap of £30 billion if options for change are not taken forward

Legal (legislation)

- 2.1 Call to Action guidance published by NHS England on 11 July 2013 and Improving General Practice - A Call to Action (August 2013)

Personnel

- 3.1 Not applicable at this stage

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 A full Equality and Impact Assessment will be produced as part of the 5 year strategy

Health and Safety

- 5.1 Not applicable at this stage

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 Not applicable at this stage

Asset Management

- 7.1 A plan for managing GP premises will be part of the strategy

Risk Management

- 8.1 A full risk assessment will be produced.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 The Strategy will consider and where appropriate align with partners objectives and priorities