

NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups – Children’s Mental Health

SUMMARY

- 1.1 There is a strategic process currently underway to merge the four NHS Clinical Commissioning Organisations across the Derby City and Derbyshire footprint into a single organisation with one single NHS approach to health commissioning. This proposed merger will bring together four commissioning organisations.
- 1.2 The Clinical Commissioning Group’s (CCG) proposed merger consultation ended on 14 August 2018, and the latest update will be provided at the CYP Scrutiny Board meeting on 10 September 2018.
- 1.3 In relation to Children’s Mental Health, it is proposed this will be the responsibility of the CCG’s Director for Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Children’s Health Commissioning.
- 1.4 CYP Scrutiny Board may wish to invite a CCG representative to a future meeting once the new CCG structure is established, including lead responsibility for Children’s Mental Health and Future in Mind Programme.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note update in relation to NHS Clinical Commissioning proposals.
- 2.2 To note update in relation to Children’s mental health.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 This proposed merger will bring together four commissioning organisations and establish a single approach to health commissioning across the Derby and Derbyshire footprint.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 There is a strategic process currently underway to merge the four NHS Clinical Commissioning Organisations across the Derby and Derbyshire footprint into a single organisation with one single NHS approach to health commissioning and a single management team.
- 4.2 This proposed merger will bring together four commissioning organisations:
- NHS Erewash Clinical Commissioning Group;
 - NHS Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group;
 - NHS North Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group;
 - NHS Sothorn Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group.
- 4.3 The reason for the proposed change from current arrangements are:
- The Derbyshire health and care system is currently facing a significant financial challenge and the purpose of the four CCGs working together has been to maximise efficiency and consistency in commissioning terms;
 - The Derbyshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) has set a clear plan and direction for the next five years. It is vital that CCGs have a clear voice, a unified approach and the ability to work at scale to fulfil their role within the STP;
 - Having a strong voice and unified approach will ensure that the CCG's responsibility to meet the needs and expectations of the diverse population of Derbyshire, particularly regarding health and wellbeing, health inequalities, the performance of providers and financial balance, can be met.
- 4.4 The Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) preferred option is for a full functional organisational merger and establish one single Derbyshire wide commissioning approach and management team. For patients, the CCGs would expect to see a reduction in variation of access to service and to ensuring consistency of quality through a single set of commissioning, monitoring and decision making processes. This option offers the best opportunity to address the financial deficit position in Derbyshire and provides a single legal entity for providers and local authorities to engage with. The development of Place Alliances would also ensure that we retain the localism that we know people value.
- 4.5 The CCG's proposed merger consultation ended on 14 August 2018, and the latest update will be provided at the CYP Scrutiny Board meeting on 10 September 2018.
- 4.6 Alongside this merger consultation, the CCG have been undertaking a re-structuring process to establish a single management structure. Functional Directors have now been appointed (Tier 2), and Directors have also been appointed (Tier 3). The process in relation to structures for Tier 4 and below is currently underway.

4.7 In relation to Children’s Mental Health, it is proposed that this will be the responsibility of the CCG’s Director for Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Children’s Health Commissioning. The structure supporting this Director role is currently being developed, including lead responsibilities in relation to Children’s Mental Health and Future in Mind Programme. The process in relation to appointing to vacancies is likely to commence in September, including of lead responsibility for the Future in Mind Programme.

4.8 Since 2015 there has been a county wide approach to delivering the Future in Mind Local transformation Programme for Derbyshire and Derby at part of the NHS Five Year Forward View for Mental Health. Governance is through a joint Heath and LA Future in Mind Board and both City and County Health and Well-being Boards. Progress has been positive in meeting the required increase in numbers of children receiving mental health evidence based interventions both at a targeted and specialist level so that by 2020 1 in 3 children will receive interventions instead of 1 in 4.

A recent comprehensive joint strategic needs assessment for children’s mental has informed current priorities. New provision includes the enhanced dedicated mental health support for looked after children at ‘The Keep’ and for young offenders in Derby.

Moving forward there will be a stronger emphasis on support to schools and early help in conjunction with the Opportunity Area programme to ensure better prevention and early intervention. This will build on learning from the nationally supported schools links programme and an emerging innovative model in the Derby’s early help teams to deliver evidence based mental health interventions as they arise to minimise escalation.

4.9 In terms of next steps regarding Children’s Mental Health planning, the CYP Scrutiny Board may wish to invite a CCG representative to a future meeting once the new CCG structure is established.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 This report provides an update in relation NHS Clinical Commissioning Group changes and responsibilities for Children’s Mental Health and Future in Mind Programme.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None in relation to this report.

Legal

2.1 None in relation to this report.

Personnel

3.1 The Council's HR Team are involved in relation to the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group's structuring proposals, and any TUPE implications for Council staff.

IT

4.1 None in relation to this report.

Equalities Impact

5.1 None in relation to this report.

Health and Safety

6.1 None in relation to this report.

Environmental Sustainability

7.1 None in relation to this report.

Property and Asset Management

8.1 None in relation to this report.

Risk Management

9.1 None in relation to this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 This report supports the Council's priorities in protecting vulnerable children and adults, and promoting health and wellbeing.