

Summary Sheet

Council Report

Health Select Commission - 22 September 2016

Title

Commissioners Working Together Programme

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Summary

The Commissioners Working Together Programme focuses on collaborative work across the health service to consider how to improve the health of communities and health services across seven local authorities. There are a number of workstreams in the programme with options for substantial changes to hyper acute stroke care and non-specialised children's surgery and anaesthesia being consulted on this autumn. The report and appendices provide an overview of the work already undertaken and the development of options appraisals for both services.

Recommendations

That Members:

- 1.1 Note the work undertaken to date by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 Consider and discuss the proposals that will be going forward for public consultation in October.

List of Appendices Included:

Appendix 1 - Hyper Acute Stroke Services Options Appraisal – Summary for the OSC
Appendix 2 - Children's Surgery Options Appraisal – Summary for the OSC

Background Papers

Letter from NHS England and NHS Rotherham CCG to Chief Executives
Agenda papers and Terms of reference for the Joint Health OSC

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

None

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No

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Commissioners Working Together Programme

1. Recommendations

That Members:

- 1.1 Note the work undertaken to date by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.2 Consider and discuss the proposals that will be going forward for public consultation in October.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 12th October, 2015 an initial meeting was held with representatives from Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees and NHS partners to discuss the formation of a joint health overview and scrutiny committee. Its purpose would be to consider the proposals for health service change being developed by the Commissioner Working Together Programme in South and Mid Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire (WTP).
- 2.2 The Health Select Commission (HSC) discussed the potential new joint health overview and scrutiny committee at its meeting on 17 December 2015. Members agreed it was important to be represented in order to ensure Rotherham had a voice in the future of health services and to ensure that the needs and concerns of local people would be reflected in decisions about service developments.
- 2.3 HSC recommended that the proposal to establish the new joint committee was supported and that the Chair be nominated as RMBC's representative. These recommendations were approved by Lead Commissioner Sir Derek Myers.
- 2.4 The new Joint Health OSC is now in place with agreed terms of reference.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 The WTP focuses on collaborative work across the health service to consider how to improve the health of communities and health services across a geographical footprint wider than the eight individual clinical commissioning groups (CCGs). The programme is covering a strategic review of health and social care across the region with a number of specific workstreams that are likely to impact on future services for the borough.
- 3.2 Substantial changes to hyper acute stroke care (the first 72 hours after a stroke) and non-specialised children's surgery and anaesthesia are being consulted on this year.
- 3.3 The Joint Health OSC met in May and August 2016 and considered the following papers in relation to these services (all available via the Council website):

May

- Pre-consultation Reports for Children's Surgery and Anaesthesia and Hyper Acute Stroke Services
- Communications and engagement strategy and plans for public consultation for Children's Surgery and Anaesthesia and Hyper Acute Stroke Services

August

- Commissioners Working Together Hyper Acute Stroke Unit, Stage 3 - Detailed Option Appraisal
- Joint Commissioners and Provider Working Together Programmes Non-Specialised Children's Surgery and Anaesthesia - Options Appraisal
- Draft Consultation Documents:
 - Providing hyper acute stroke services in South Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire
 - Providing Children's Surgery and Anaesthesia Services in South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire.

- 3.4 Appendices 1 and 2 provide an overview of the work undertaken already by the WTP and the development of options appraisals for both services.
- 3.5 Following a recommendation from the Joint Health OSC, the draft consultation materials for each service have been circulated to the individual health scrutiny committees for comment and feedback, drawing on their local knowledge of how best to engage with their own communities.

4. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 4.1 The focus of the options appraisal process has been to develop sustainable options that provide the best outcomes for patients, in line with national standards. Preferred options have been identified for both services (see appendices 1 and 2) after reviewing services against a number of criteria such as activity levels, cross-boundary impact, workforce issues, impact on visitors/carers, and taking account of the key themes that emerged from the pre-consultation.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation on the proposals will run from October 2016 to January 2017, based on the Communications and Engagement Strategy and Plans referred to above and the draft consultation materials previously circulated to HSC for discussion and feedback.

6. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 6.1 Final decisions for both services will be taken following the public consultation and assurance by NHS England.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 7.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report but financial analyses and full business case development will be completed by officers in the WTP.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 Where proposed changes to health services are substantial and affect more than one local authority area local authorities are required to form a joint overview and scrutiny committee [Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013].

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1 There are no direct implications arising from this report but a national shortage of skilled and experienced staff for these specialties is a key factor in developing options for sustainable services.

10. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1 As mentioned above one of the workstreams is non-specialised children's surgery and anaesthesia.

11 Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1 Proposals for service changes need to take account of equality protected characteristics, the Public Sector Equality Duty and the Human Rights Act.

11.2 Major health service reconfiguration is subject to formal consultation and the methods used and materials need to be inclusive and accessible to all communities.

11.3 The Joint Health OSC will give due consideration to these issues in its programme of work.

12. Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1 Health partners initiated the WTP and will work with and consult local authorities and other agencies.

13. Risks and Mitigation

13.1 There are no specific risks associated with commencing public consultation.

14. Accountable Officer(s)

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Approvals Obtained from:-

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services:- N/A

Director of Legal Services:- N/A

Head of Procurement:- N/A

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