

Scrutiny Review of Continuing Healthcare

Review Group – made up of a sub-group of Health and Improving Lives Scrutiny

Members and co-optees:

Cllr Brian Steele – Chair

Cllr Hilda Jack

Cllr Dominic Beck

Cllr Lyndsay Pitchley

Ann Clough – co-optee

Russell Wells – co-optee

Scope of Review

- To gather benchmarking information against South Yorkshire authorities, national comparator groups, and Yorkshire and Humber to establish the Rotherham position overall
- To review the current arrangements in relation to the national framework, and identify areas of improvement / non-compliance
- To examine the current role of the CHC Panel and how decisions are taken
- To examine the length of time from first contact to customer receiving their assessment decision
- To examine the customer experience, building on anecdotal concerns in relation to experience of the CHC process
- To develop conclusions and recommendations based on the evidence that is collected

It is the intention for the scrutiny review to compliment the operational review currently being undertaken by RMBC and NHS colleagues.

To achieve these objectives the following actions will be undertaken by the review group and supporting officers:

- Desk-top review of relevant reports, publications and gathering data and information from other local authorities/comparator groups to provide benchmarking
- Comparison of Department of Health published figures
- Use of the LINK to help gather views and experiences of local people, and writing to local groups for their views, including:
 - Age Concern
 - Help the Aged
 - Alzheimer's Society
 - Older People's Forum
 - SY Centre for Independent Living
 - Scope
 - Speak Up
 - Headway
 - Stroke Association
 - MS Society
- Meeting with representatives of Adult Social Services
- Meeting with relevant representatives NHS Rotherham and/or CCG (if appropriate)

- Meeting with representatives of the Continuing Healthcare Panel

Proposed Timeline

15 February

- An Initial scoping meeting with RMBC Director of Health and Wellbeing and Cllr John Doyle

29 February

- Scope of the review to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board

February – March

- Desk-based information gathering and research
- LINKs to undertake consultation with local people, with support of RMBC officers
- Write to other PCTs to request information on their CHC spend

16 & 30 March 1-3pm

- Two meetings where witnesses will be called:
 - Adult social services
 - PCT/ CCG (including CHC Panel representatives)

13 April 1-3pm

- Review group reflection meeting to:
 - Consider outcomes of information gathering/interviews etc
 - Agree recommendations

31 May 11.30 – 1pm (following Health Select commission meeting)

- Review group meeting to consider draft report prior to being presented at Select Commission
- To invite Chair/Vice-Chair of Improving Lives Select Commission to comment on draft report

12 July

- Final report back to Health Select Commission