

Member Briefing

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Title: Working Together Across Cheshire

Summary: The Council has previously agreed to keep members up to date on local health developments, including progress on Health and Adult Social Care Integration. Below describes how the local Cheshire CCGs plan to combine, how the approach around Integration intends to be a bottom up rather than top down, framed around place and care communities intended to improve the overall health and wellbeing of our residents.

Any views on these developments can always be raised and commented on by members at the monthly Health and Wellbeing Board which meets in public and receives regular updates on Integration work.

Introduction

Building on established transformation programmes in the Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) footprints (Connecting Care, Caring Together and the West Cheshire Way), this approach paves the way to greater alignment and joining up of primary care, hospitals, clinical commissioners, other providers and social care in a way which is coterminous with local authority boundaries.

The four CCGs (Eastern Cheshire, South Cheshire, Vale Royal, and West Cheshire) have been working closely with local authorities to consider what this would mean for the CCGs and other partners.

Care communities

The focus is on place based care, founded on **care communities** for the delivery of local, integrated health and social care services across populations of between 30,000 to 50,000 people. The ambition is for care communities to mature further to encompass third sector organisations, care homes, patient forums and engagement mechanisms.

Integrated care partnerships

The four Cheshire CCGs are developing **integrated care partnerships** which will ensure that care communities are supported by, and integrated with, hospital care which will need to be commissioned and provided at scale.

A single commissioning model

The four Cheshire CCGs have already established a Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) to bring forward plans to their respective governing bodies which describe the next steps recommended to bring these plans to reality. The key recommendations from the JCC are that:

- the four CCGs merge together into a single CCG with two integrated health and care commissioning committees reflecting the Cheshire West and Chester and

Cheshire East local authority areas, this would become a statutory NHS body from April 2020

- the three existing CCG executive teams (South Cheshire and Vale Royal already have a joint executive) merge into one with a single accountable officer and between now and 2020, progress shared governance arrangements
- between 2018 and 2020, the CCGs continue to strengthen their collaborative commissioning arrangements to identify opportunities for a more collective approach to local service design and delivery.

Next steps

Consideration by the four CCG governing bodies is just the first step in a series of actions needed to secure a mandate for change. If supported at that stage, the proposals will need to be shared with the CCG GP memberships for consideration and support. Only if approved there and then endorsed by NHS England, will the proposal be able to move to implementation.

Subject to all this, a work plan will be prepared with clear actions and timelines showing the milestones in the journey to achieving the new structure and way of working. This will be overseen by the JCC, its Strategic Leadership Group and the Health and Wellbeing Boards in Cheshire.

NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG published this paper on their website first on the afternoon of 18 April 2018: easterncheshireccg.nhs.uk/Meetings/25-april-2018.htm and is attached for your information.

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