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Sustainability and Transformation Plans

Report of Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer, Durham County Council

Purpose of the Report

- 1 This report provides members with background information in respect of the development of health and care system Sustainability and Transformation Plans in advance of a presentation updating members on the progress made to date in respect of their development and submission to NHS England.

Background – Sustainability and Transformation Plans

- 2 In December 2015, the NHS shared planning guidance 2016/17 – 2020/21 outlined a new approach to help ensure that health and care services were built around the needs of local populations. To do this, every health and care system in England, involving local organisations such as NHS providers, commissioners, and local authorities, were asked to produce a multi-year Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), showing how local services would evolve and become sustainable over the next five years – ultimately delivering the NHS Five Year Forward View vision of better health, better patient care and improved NHS efficiency.
- 3 To deliver plans that are based on the needs of local populations, local health and care systems joined together in January 2016 to form 44 STP “footprints” across England. The health and care organisations within these geographic footprints are working together to develop STPs which aim to drive genuine and sustainable transformation in patient experience and health outcomes of the longer-term.
- 4 The footprints were required to be locally defined, based on natural communities, existing working relationships, patient flows and take account of the scale needed to deliver the services, transformation and public health programmes required, along with how they best fit with other footprints. A map showing the originally identified STPs is attached to this report. (Appendix 2).

- 5 STP leaders have been agreed for the most areas with the STP leaders for the North East Region being:-
- Durham, Darlington and Tees ;Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby
Alan Foster – Chief Executive of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust
 - Northumberland, Tyne and Wear
Mark Adams – Chief Officer, Newcastle and Gateshead CCG
- 6 These officers have agreed to convene the STP process and to oversee the development of local plans. They have been selected following local discussions about who is best placed to play this role, together with discussions with national bodies.
- 7 Over the last few months NHS system leaders have met to discuss how best to create these plans, reflecting on the work that has already been developed in a number of areas across the North East and Cumbria.
- 8 During such discussions professionals have considered carefully the geographical footprint which will best enable the NHS to plan services and, as a result, it was agreed that the North Durham area will move from the Durham, Darlington and Tees ;Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP into the Northumberland, Tyne and Wear STP for planning purposes.
- 9 This change in the way the STP boundaries have been planned will provide an opportunity to plan the best possible care for patients and partner organisations will work together on the next iteration of the STP draft document which will be submitted in October 2016.
- 10 STPs footprints are not statutory bodies, but rather collective discussion forums which aim to bring together health and care leaders to support the delivery of improved health and care based on the needs of local populations. They do not replace existing local bodies, or change local accountabilities.

Sustainability and Transformation Plans – Development and Submission Timelines progress

- 11 Representatives of the programme will give a presentation updating members on the progress made to date in respect of the development and submission to NHS England of the Durham, Darlington and Tees ;Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP.

Recommendations

- 12 The Better Health Programme Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:-
- (a) receive this report, and
 - (b) consider and comment upon the contents of the presentation in respect of the STP development process.

Background papers

- NHS England Guidance – Sustainability and Transformation Plans

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - None

Staffing - None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty - None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights - None

Consultation – None

Procurement - None

Disability Issues - None

Legal Implications – None