

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION

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Better for everyone

Format

- Feedback from the Better Care Fund Submission
- National NHS planning Guidance
- Progress with the Joint Committee
- Update on the Integration Programme
- Adult Social Care Assurance
- Questions

Better Care Fund

- Better Care Fund (BCF) submission approved for submission by this Board on 22 November 2022
- BCF a mechanism for joint health, housing and social care planning and delivery
- BCF in County Durham £88 million
- For 2022/23 stronger emphasis on integration and joint working especially on hospital discharge
- NHS England approval received on 6 January 2023

NHS Planning Guidance 2023/24

- Published by NHS England on 23 December 2022 with requirements for service planning and delivery from March 2023
- Identifies 3 priority areas
 - reducing A&E waiting times and ambulance response times
 - Reduce waiting lists for elective surgery especially cancers – return of “payment by results”
 - Improving access to primary care
- Work underway to put together a plan with priorities for Durham engaging all partners
- Funding assumptions being analysed

Joint Committee

- Statutory Guidance published late 2022
- Gives us the option to progress with a Joint Committee with delegated authority and joint exercise of health and care related functions
- Permits Joint Committees to include the NHS, Council, Primary Care, voluntary sector partners
- Complicated financial arrangements with NHS funds pooled but Section 75 agreements needed for Council funding
- Position statement agreed and work underway with partners to progress
- Further reports to this Board

Integration Programme

- 10 work-streams covering activities with potential for joint working
- Progressing with some delays caused by service pressures
- Key issues to resolve in the next phase
 - Quality Work-stream – agreement on shared process and approach but requires investment in leadership
 - Hospital Discharge – national requirement to have a Transfer of Care Hub and dedicated co-ordinators on each acute site
- Now looking at the future of the Programme including
 - Caring for frail people at home
 - Supporting care homes
 - Extending Urgent Community Response
 - Adults and Children’s Mental Health and Learning Disabilities

Adult Social Care Assurance

- Led by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) potentially from 2023 but some flexibility about this date
- Feedback from the Annual Conversation facilitated by Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) used to prepare a Self Assessment
- Guidance on the Self Assessment from ADASS and the Local Government Association being used
- Corporate Oversight Group in place to reflect the Council wide nature of the CQC framework
- On-going communications with and involvement of Councillors, staff and partners

Summary and Questions

- Strong integration theme in national planning guidance and statutory guidance
- Funding continues to promote joint working especially in hospital discharge
- Joint Committee progressing in line with new statutory guidance
- Integration Programme delivering “on the ground” but discussions about resources critical
- Preparing for Adult Social Care Assurance an on-going priority
- Questions from the Board

Agreed priorities Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS)

- Tobacco control
- Healthy Weight
- Mental Health Resilience and Wellbeing
- Reducing Alcohol Harms
 - (lead Safe Durham Partnership - HWB focus on population level health impacts)

HWB – Governance

Governance around key pieces of work:

- Better Care Fund
- JSNAA
- JLHWS
- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
- Transforming care
- Approach to Wellbeing
- SEND

Wider determinants and influence across the system

