

**NHS England - South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Area Team**  
**Direct Commissioning Plans, First Draft**

**For discussion at Sheffield Health & Well-Being Board on 27 March 2014**

## **Introduction**

NHS England was formally established on 1 April 2013. A national organization with 27 Area Teams, NHS England has a seat on each Health & Well-being Board (H&WB). South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Area Team (SY&B AT) has a seat on 4 H&WBs in the patch; Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield and Barnsley respectively. In describing the relationship between NHS England and Health & Well-being Boards, a key point of reference is the publication “Putting Patients First – The NHS England Business Plan for 2013/14 – 2015/16”. This describes the key priorities of NHS England, and it is clear that there are several of these that overlap with the aims of H&WBs, and indeed require the H&WB as a vehicle for effective delivery. Specifically the following NHS England priorities would seem most relevant to the H&WB agenda;

- Uphold NHS Constitution rights and pledges
- Deliver on the outcome framework domains
- Promote equality and reduce inequalities in health outcomes (a key vehicle for this is the delivery of the H&WB Strategy and the scrutiny of the JSNA – both of which are within the remit of the H&WB)

For each of these priorities, NHS England acts in a dual capacity; firstly as a direct commissioner of healthcare services, and secondly as the assurer of the commissioning system, providing support to and development of CCGs where appropriate. This paper is concerned with the former role, and provides the very first draft of the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Area Team’s direct commissioning plans from 2014-15 onwards. The purpose of bringing this information before the Board is to support the H&WB’s proper and comprehensive understanding of the local health system, and allow members to influence and/or challenge the plans, particularly with regard to the areas of overlap with the H&WB’s priorities.

## **NHS England’s Directly Commissioned Services**

Direct commissioning is one of the eight core work areas by which NHS England will deliver better outcomes for patients (Putting Patients First April 2013). Defining direct commissioning as one entity hides the breadth and complexity of the services which have an overall value of £25.4bn and include

- Specialised Services
- Primary Care
- Public Health
- Health and Justice
- Services for Armed Forces and their families

These services are commissioned locally by all or some of the Area Teams of NHS England through a number of single operating models. These models seek to improve population health, to address inequalities in access and outcomes across the country with a focus on commissioning for quality and patient safety.

Directly commissioned services need to join up with local services commissioned by CCGs and other partners to ensure that people experience seamless and integrated care.

## **Services Commissioned by South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Area Team**

SY&B Area team commission the following:

- Primary Care Services for South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw patients, including GP, dental, optometry and pharmacy care; these equate to £359 million
- Public Health Services for South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw patients, including health visiting, some screening services, and 0-5yr child health services; these services equate to £47 million
- Specialised Services from all the providers of these services in Yorkshire & Humber, for all the patients treated by those providers. The contract values total over £1 billion.

## **Services commissioned by other Area Teams in Yorkshire & Humber**

Health and Justice services, and Services for Armed Forces and their families, are commissioned on a regional basis by West Yorkshire Area Team and North Yorkshire Area Team respectively. The Area Teams' plans for these services will be presented to the H&WB in due course, as by nature of their regional commissioning function, they are responsible for services provided within South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw.

## **Planning Guidance and Timescales**

In December 2013, NHS England published "Everyone Counts; Planning for Patients 2014-15 to 2018-19". This document set out the need for strategic and operational plans from both CCGs and NHS England commissioners. A key emphasis of the document is the importance of integration across health and social care, and the requirement to structure planning processes to achieve this. In recognition of this, the South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Area Team is presenting the very first draft of the plans for each of its three direct commissioning functions to H&WBs, which set out in headline terms the strategic direction of travel, with reference to some local priorities. The first cut of draft plans were submitted to NHS England on 14 February, and then further versions are due for submission on 4 April before the final version on 20 June 2014.

## **Recommendations:**

H&WB Members are asked to

- a) consider the content of the first draft commissioning plans for South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Area team's direct commissioning responsibilities,
- b) provide any comments or feedback to take into account in further iterations;
- c) advise regarding any additional discussion that the Board would like to schedule regarding all or any of the plans in more detail

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