

SHEFFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER

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Summary:

Attached is a brief update on progress with integrated commissioning. Key points to note are:

Sheffield has been successful in a bid to the Government “Transformation Challenge Award” that will bring around £1m into Sheffield to support the Keeping People Well in their Communities work.

Business cases for change in three of the four areas are being developed for consideration by the ICP Board on 18th December.

A draft version of the Pooled Budget Agreement, which will set out how we make decisions, manage the pooled budget and share risk and benefits, will also be considered by the ICP Board on that date.

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note progress and confirm its support for the establishment of integrated commissioning and a pooled budget, as set out in the report.

1. Introductions

Sheffield CCG and Sheffield City Council have agreed to establish a pooled budget in 2015/16 to cover four key areas of work, with the aim of improving service user experience and outcomes and making the best decisions about the use of the resource available between us. The four areas of work are:

- Keeping People Well in their Community
- Independent Living Solutions
- Active support and Recovery
- Long Term High Support

The proposed pooled budget includes our current expenditure in those areas, including CCG expenditure community equipment, intermediate care services, community nursing and Continuing Health Care. It also includes our expenditure on non elective admissions (other than surgical admissions) as our plans should result in movement of money – and savings – from this area.

This report summarises the current position on developing the pooled budget and the service plans the pooling of budgets will enable.

2. Key Developments

Keeping People Well in their Communities

Sheffield has been successful in our bid for around £1m from the Government's Transformation Challenge Award, which will support the development of capacity in communities to help people stay well and reduce the risk of problems that could result in increased demand for health or social care. The business case and implementation plan for the use of this money will be considered by the Integrated Commissioning Programme Board in December. The implementation plan will be based on identifying local practice/VCF partnerships to work with to form coherent local arrangements designed to help people keep well.

Independent Living Solutions

The tendering process for this re-designed service – replacing the current Sheffield Community Equipment Loans Service and expanding the offer to include more 'self-help' information and advice – is now underway. A new service will start on 1st July 2015.

Developing the section 75 agreement

It is, of course, critically important that we agree and document how we will make decisions and share risk on the pooled budget. Senior officers from both organisations are discussing a number of issues, to be able to propose arrangements to Governing Body and SCC's Cabinet, to be presented in January or February 2015.

Integrated Commissioning Programme Board

A formal Programme Board has now been established to oversee the development of the commissioning projects and the pooled budget arrangements. This met for the second time on 23 October and agreed the scope for the Active Support and Recovery project (covering intermediate care and other community services, potentially including community nursing) and the Long Term High Support project (proposing integration of assessment and care management, procurement and contract management, initially focussing on gains to be achieved in contracting).

The meeting on 18th December will consider business cases for change in three of the service areas (the case for change for Independent Living Solutions having been considered and approved already) and will consider a draft of the section 75 agreement.

National Assurance

Sheffield submitted details of our plans, in line with Department of Health requirements in September. We have now received confirmation that our plans have been Approved With Support, with final approval – and therefore release of the part of the CCG's allocation that is the Better Care Fund funding –subject to us providing details of our cases for change, our risk sharing arrangements, how we are engaging with providers, and final metrics for the scheme. All of these are in hand, and are necessary in any event to enable informed decisions locally about final agreement. We expect to receive final approval in January 2015.

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