

# North Yorkshire County Council

## Meeting between Corporate Director & Executive Member

18<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### Airedale Wharfedale and Craven Provider Alliance Memorandum of Understanding

#### Report of the Corporate Director – Health & Adult Services

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of report</b>
1.1	This report introduces a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Airedale Wharfedale (AWC) and Craven Provider Alliance and seeks a decision about signing as a partner or party to the MoU.

#### 2.0 Issues

Health and social care partners in AWC have been working together to develop an approach to respond to whole population health and demand management. This is in line with developments that are taking place in all localities as we consider how to respond to current demands in health and social care in a systemic, coordinated way.

The MOU (appendix 1) is not a legally or contractually binding agreement, but it describes how the providers that are party to the MoU will work together. It describes a consensus between the organisations that enables the Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Provider Alliance to take a common approach and commitment to embedding agreed guiding principles, behaviours and ways of working, as required to become a Health and Care Partnership. Until a legal framework is agreed and signed by all parties the individual organisation governing bodies remain ultimately accountable for their individual contracts.

The Alliance brings together representatives from:

- Airedale NHS Foundation Trust,
- Bradford District Care NHS Foundation Trust,
- Bradford VCS Alliance Ltd,
- City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- Local Care Direct
- Wharfedale, Airedale and Craven Alliance
- Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Modality Partnership
- Ilkley and Wharfedale Medical Practice
- North Yorkshire County Council
- YORLMC Ltd
- East Lancashire GP representative/federation

### **3.0 Policy Implications**

- 3.1 The MoU does not have any policy implications at this stage as it does not commit NYCC to any particular financial commitment or decision/action (other than a collaborative approach), stresses that it is not a legal or binding agreement and highlights that each organisation remains responsible for its own decision making in relation to the collaboration matters. It is not a formal decision making forum. The MoU sets out the ways of partnership working and commitment to co-operation between the parties to facilitate and achieve shared objectives.

### **4.0 Options**

- 4.1 We could choose to sign up to the MoU as a partner rather than a party but this would potentially leave us without the ability to appropriately influence the collaborative working approaches in Craven. This would risk Craven not having a strong NYCC voice as Bradford MDC is actively involved in the Alliance in Airedale and Wharfedale.

### **5.0 Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no financial implications to signing up to this MoU.

### **6.0 Legal Implications**

- 6.1 There are no legal implications to signing up to this MoU.

### **7.0 Impact on Other Services/Organisations**

- 7.1 The Craven services will continue to work collaboratively to deliver front line services to people whatever capacity we decide to sign the MoU. Signing as a partner rather than a party could risk our services being shaped by wider changes that we have not been able to influence.

### **8.0 Reasons For Recommendations**

- 8.1 As an equal party to the MoU and Provider Alliance NYCC can shape the changes across the whole system that have the best outcome for the Craven 'community.'

Further work is ongoing to shape a framework for the AWC system. This may have policy, legal and financial implications and as such will be included on the forward plan for appropriate decision making. In the meantime it is essential NYCC are able to steer the work required to create a proposed framework for a Health and Care Partnership.

<b>9.0 Recommendation(s)</b>
9.1 To sign the MoU as a party to the AWC Provider Alliance.

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Background Documents – AWC MoU.