

# **NORTH YORKSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

## **SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION – AN UPDATE**

**29 MAY 2013**

### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 The report updates the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on local and national developments in health and social care integration since the Board's last meeting in February.
- 1.2 A summary of recent national publications is included with the implications for North Yorkshire and seeking HWB support in principle to submit a bid to become a pioneer area for integration.

### **2 Background**

- 2.1 At its February meeting the HWB received a presentation from Andrew Cozens who had been commissioned to consider the most appropriate way to progress integration at scale and pace in the complex North Yorkshire health and social care economy.
- 2.2 After interviewing key stakeholders and reviewing emerging best practice nationally, the recommendation to the Board was that an overall framework for integrated health and social care be developed and agreed by both the North Yorkshire and York HWBs. The framework would set priority groups, approaches and benefits and then allow local integrated services to be developed within the overall framework.
- 2.3 This recommendation was strongly supported by the HWB.

### **3 Progress**

- 3.1 A working group has been established to develop the framework and held an initial meeting on 10 April 2013. A summary of the first meeting is attached as Appendix 1. A well attended full day workshop was held on 15 May. It is intended that the Framework will be completed for consideration by both HWBs in September.
- 3.2 Andrew Cozens who is facilitating this work will be in attendance at the HWB meeting to report on progress.
- 3.3 A senior officer group (the Integrated Commissioning Board) has been established as an informal sub-group of the HWB to drive this work forward.

### **4 National developments**

- 4.1 Over the past few months increasing attention has been paid to integration at a national level.
- 4.2 On 14 May a framework document “Integrated Care and Support: Our Shared Commitment” was published by the National Collaboration for Integrated Care and Support. This set out the Government’s plan to integrate health and social care for all by 2018, with projects in every part of the country by 2015.
- 4.3 Key points of the national framework include:
- Not a prescription for structural change of central blueprint.
  - Commitment to remove legal and practical barriers to integration identified by a set of “pioneer areas”.
  - First wave of 10 sites to be appointed in September 2013.
  - National partners to the initiative: ADASS; ADCS; CQC; DH; LGA; Monitor; PHE; SCIE and TLAP in conjunction with National Voices. Others e.g. NHS Confederation, SOLACE coming forward as well.
  - Likely to lead to an overhaul of payment by results. Monitor and NHS England have launched a review of the NHS payment system – the system under which NHS commissioners pay hospitals on the basis of volumes of treatments, which has been criticised for sucking resources into the acute sector.
  - Will develop new indicators of progress on co-ordinating care and support.
  - First ever definition of what people say good integrated care and support looks and feels like – work by National Voices.
  - Integrated Care and Support Exchange Team to provide support and advice to the pioneers and other areas on overcoming barriers to integration.
  - Benefits to people, but also efficiency and financial benefits – more work needed to establish the potential for savings with more certainty.
  - CCGs were required to set aside 2% of their annual funding in 2013/14 for non-recruitment expenditure; DH encourages them to consider using this to support innovative approaches to integrated care and support.
- 4.4 There are many definitions of integration (one literature review identified 175). The definition that is being adopted nationally is a person centred statement of what people say good integrated care looks and feels like. This work was led by National Voices, a national coalition of health and social care charities,

working together to strengthen the voice of patients, people who use services, carers, their families and the voluntary organisations that work for them.

4.5 The definition of integrated care is:

‘Person Centred Coordinated Care’ – where people are able to say: “I can plan my care with people who work together to understand me and my carer(s), allow me control, and bring together services to achieve the outcomes important to me”.

4.6 At the same time the Care and Support Minister is inviting expressions of interest from local areas to become integration “pioneers” as a means of driving forward change at scale and pace, from which the rest of the country can benefit. Appendix 2 gives further details.

4.7 Consideration is being given to whether a North Yorkshire application will be made and the HWB is asked to confirm in principle its support for a bid.

4.8 The programme is likely to be oversubscribed but there will be further waves.

## **5 Conclusion**

5.1 The government’s emphasis on integration is welcome. Evidence shows that connecting services improves quality and patients’ experiences. The potential for joined up working across local authority and NHS services has yet to be fully exploited.

5.2 The HWB has a key system leadership role to promote integration.

5.3 The vision for integrated care has now been set out nationally with a call for organisations to take urgent and sustained action to make integrated care and support happen.

5.4 The development of a framework in North Yorkshire is ambitious but entirely consistent with the approach set out in the national framework and could provide a model for other complex systems with multiple organisations who do not have coterminous boundaries.

5.5 Good progress is being made in the development of the framework with all statutory commissioning organisations well engaged. Further consideration is needed to how to involve the public and a wider set of stakeholder organisations.

## **6 Recommendations**

6.1 HWB members are invited to:

1. Discuss the report and note progress in developing a framework that will be presented to both NY and York HWBs in September.
2. HWB is asked to support in principle the development of a bid to become a pioneer area.

**Appendix 1** - North Yorkshire & York Integration Framework Group – summary of first meeting.

**Appendix 2** – Letter inviting expressions of interest for health and social care integration ‘pioneers’.

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