

TITLE OF REPORT: NHS and Local Authority Members Seminars in May and June 2017 – Feedback

REPORT OF: Dr. Mark Dornan, GP and vice chair of Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group.

Purpose of the Report

1. This report provides an overview of the discussions held between NHS and Local Authority leaders during May and June 2017 at two Members seminars which focussed upon the integration of health and care services.

Background

2. Local Authority elected members from both Gateshead and Newcastle councils met with clinical and management leaders of Newcastle and Gateshead CCG on 4 May and 27 June at two Members seminar sessions. Led by Dr Mark Dornan, the seminars comprised presentations outlining the shared challenges of the health and care system (from the increased demand for services to the financial challenges) and wide ranging discussions about our shared priorities across the two sectors and in particular, how working more closely together could help us transform the services for the populations we serve.
3. The informal notes of the two seminars are attached as appendices to the report and are not repeated here, but the main reflections from both seminars are listed below:
 - The NHS and Local Authority priorities are very similar – from focussing on preventative services and prioritising children’s health and care, to considering new solutions to the depleting workforce and the demise of community infrastructures.
 - All parts of the public sector are facing huge financial challenges as demand grows and budgets reduce – working together across organisational boundaries and in the interests of the populations we serve, is supported by all of us.
 - The Local Authority has responsibility for a range of services that could positively affect the health of the population – from public parks and spaces to leisure centres and libraries; harnessing the opportunities to improve the overall health and wellbeing of the population by using such services more creatively, was a recurring theme in all discussions.
 - The cost of providing hospital based care is huge in comparison to community based and preventative services; our collective challenge is to find creative ways of reducing demand for hospital services; the resources released as a

result could form a platform for investing in preventative services and other priorities such as primary care, community and mental health services.

4. Prevention was a major theme as we collectively acknowledged Austerity has led to a number a services in this area being stopped or reduced. A priority is considering how mainstream services can still have a preventative focus.

Proposal

5. It is proposed that the NHS and Local Authority leaders continue to meet, on a six monthly basis, to discuss further shared priorities, consider the progress being made in integrating health and care services and identify further opportunities for joint working.

Recommendations

6. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:
 - (i) Receive and consider the content of the two summary notes attached to this report – which describe the headlines of the conversations held between NHS and Local Authority leaders during May and June 2017.
 - (ii) Provide guidance and direction about the ways in which the ideas generated could become a reality.
 - (iii) Determine whether a six monthly meeting arrangement would be appropriate to continue the NHS and Local Authority leadership conversations.

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Enclosures:

4 May 2017 informal notes of members' seminar
27 June 2017 informal notes of members' seminar