

**TITLE OF REPORT: Gateshead Care Partnership****REPORT OF: Caroline O'Neil – Strategic Director, Care, Wellbeing and Learning**

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**Summary**

The purpose of this report is to advise OSC of progress to-date in respect of the Gateshead Care Partnership

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**1.0 Background**

- 1.1 In 2016 Gateshead QE Trust, in partnership with the Council and Gateshead Community Based Health Care (CBC – the GP membership organisation for Gateshead) was successful in winning the contract for the delivery of community health service for Gateshead. In October 2016, the contract formally transferred from the previous provider (South of Tyne and Wear community health services).

**2.0 Aims and Objectives**

- 2.1 The ultimate aim of Gateshead Care Partnership is to bring together all the expert knowledge and resources into a single point of contact so that patients and families can navigate the health and social care system far more easily. The view is that a more joined up patient journey will mean fewer unnecessary (and unwanted) hospital admissions as well as better access to the right care, whether that's from a hospital, a family doctor or through social services.
- 2.2 By submitting a joint bid the Partnership was able to offer a system which:
- Focussed on Gateshead's needs
  - Offers opportunity for prevention of ill health for all Gateshead population
  - Provides one Journey – both clinically and personally
  - There is no inclusion or exclusion criteria for Gateshead registered patients
  - Removes professional boundaries
  - Removes organisational boundaries
  - Recognises the key role of GP practices in Primary Care
  - Offers opportunity for 24/7 services where appropriate
  - Provides value based, whole person care
  - Has shared goals and vision
  - Enables removal of duplication
  - Provides seamless care for Gateshead residents

### **3.0 Transformation**

- 3.1 Council officers and Elected Members were involved in the development of the bid, and there are now a range of transformation projects which are being jointly delivered across the Trust, CBC and the Council, in order to transform and develop the health and social care community offer. Some of the work we're already doing in respect of the Intermediate Care review/redevelopment; improved hospital discharge processes and the development of a locality based approach has been incorporated into the transformation work.

### **4.0 Structure**

- 4.1 The Care Partnership has a Board which is chaired by Dr Bill Westwood, who is one of the CBC Board members and local GP. The LA has a number of seats on the board (usually taken by A Wiseman and S Downey), and the terms of reference detail decision making processes, voting rights etc. The Partnership does not exist as a company or organisation in its own right, and there are no financial or legal arrangements surrounding it, therefore no perceived risk for the Council.

### **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 The views of the OSC are sought on the report and, in particular, whether it is satisfied with progress so far and the future plans in place in respect of the Gateshead Care Partnership

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