

24 January 2017

TITLE OF REPORT: Implementation of Deciding Together Proposals – Progress Update

REPORT OF: Newcastle Gateshead CCG

Summary

This report provides the OSC with the details of progress made in respect of the implementation of the Deciding Together proposals and sets out the next steps for all organisations involved. The OSC is invited to comment on the work carried out /progress made/ future work.

Background

NHS Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group's governing body made its decision in June 2016 to change the way current services provided by Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (NTW) are arranged. This decision was made after a wide ranging public engagement and consultation process that took place over the last two years.

The changes will mean the creation of new in-patient facilities at Newcastle's St Nicholas' Hospital, and the opportunity to innovate a wider range of improved and new community services, some that will be specifically provided by community and voluntary sector organisations under future new contracts, that will link with statutory NHS services.

While the decision will mean the closure of Gateshead's standalone Tranwell Unit, as well as the Hadrian Clinic in Newcastle, it provides the opportunity to make significant changes that will create new interlinking community and hospital mental health services. This will reduce reliance on hospital stays, shorten the time people spend in hospital and improve their experience of services, helping them to recover sooner, stay well and have fulfilling lives.

Older people's services in Newcastle would also change and be consolidated at St Nicholas' Hospital, closing wards based on the former Newcastle General Hospital site.

Progress

A planning workshop was held in November to discuss and agree the joint approach between Gateshead and Newcastle local authorities, Newcastle and Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group and Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Trust.

The meeting had two purposes.

1. To consider the STP (Sustainability and Transformation plans¹) and implications and how we would align our local offer to the aspirations of the STP. We were able to

¹ Sustainability and transformation plans (STPs) are five year plans for the future of health and care services in local areas. NHS organisations have come together with local authorities and other partners to develop the plans in 44 areas of the country. STPs represent a very significant change to the planning of health and care services in England

confirm that STP priorities match our local priorities of care closer to home, easy access and smooth discharge to appropriate support in the community

2. We also needed to be clear with respect to the financial position as there is less available development money than previously anticipated across health and local authorities. The meeting confirmed that it was satisfied the original plan to locate Acute beds on the St Nicholas site remains the right option and is sustainable going forward

Next Steps

We are planning a workshop on Wednesday 1 February for Newcastle Gateshead CCG, Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust, Gateshead and Newcastle local authority and third sector organisation colleagues to meet to discuss the next steps and the implementation of Deciding Together.

Given the changing landscape and current financial pressures for all organisations involved it is better we jointly consider how best to plan and implement the outcome of Deciding Together and work together to achieve this for our local populations in a realistic way.

Outcome

The output from this workshop will be to draw up and develop the joint implementation plan across all partners and agree some early “wins”, therefore ensuring that we move towards the reduced reliance on hospital beds, shorten the time spent in hospital and improve service users’ experience of these services.

Recommendation

Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i) Note progress on Deciding Together.

Chris Piercy
Executive Director of Nursing, Patient Safety and Quality
9th January