

Health Scrutiny Committee

15 October 2014

Health and Care Review (Ipswich and East CCG, West Suffolk CCG and Suffolk County Council)

Summary

1. This report provides an update on the progress with work taking place under the Health and Care Review towards closer integration of health and care services. The report also provides an update from the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group established by the Committee at its last meeting on 2 July 2014 to keep a watching brief on progress under the Review.

Objective of the Scrutiny

2. The objective of this scrutiny is to:-
 - a) consider progress made to date towards the closer integration of health and care services and the timescales for future work;
 - b) consider the potential impact of proposals upon the public and patients and how their views are being taken into account.

Scrutiny Focus

3. The scope of this scrutiny has been developed to provide the Committee with information to come to a view on the following key questions:
 - a) What are the observations of the Health and Care Review Scrutiny Task and Finish Group since the Committee last met on 2 July 2014?
 - b) What progress has been made on re-commissioning of the GP out of hours service/111 service and community healthcare services since the Committee last met on 2 July 2014?
 - c) What are the next steps and timescales for the re-commissioning of these services?
 - d) How have the public and patients been involved in the development of the service specifications?
 - e) What are the views of the public and patients and how have these been taken into account?

- f) What are the service specifications and what changes will the public and patients see on the ground?
- g) What progress has been made on the development of integrated multi-disciplinary teams?
- h) What progress has been made towards the development of 7 day services?
- i) What progress has been made in information sharing?
- j) What are the next steps?
- k) How will progress be measured?

4. Having considered the information, the Committee may wish to:

- a) make recommendations to the Clinical Commissioning Groups;
- b) make recommendations to the Cabinet Member and/or Director of Adult and Community Services;
- c) make recommendations to the Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board;
- d) seek to influence partner organisations;
- e) make recommendations to the Task and Finish Group;
- f) request further information or identify potential topics for further scrutiny;

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Background

5. On 2 July 2014, the Health Scrutiny Committee considered the progress made to date on the Health and Care Review aimed at developing closer integration of health and care services in Suffolk. The Committee heard from representatives of Ipswich and East CCG and West Suffolk CCG, Adult and Community Services, Ipswich and West Suffolk hospitals, the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Chief Executive of Healthwatch Suffolk.
6. Following consideration of the evidence, the Committee agreed:
 - a) to establish a Task and Finish Group consisting of Councillor Michael Ladd, Councillor Sarah Adams, Councillor Colin Noble and Councillor Elisabeth Gibson-Harries, to keep a watching brief on developments under the health and care review and to keep the Committee informed of any potential substantial variations to services on the ground which may result from this work, upon which the Committee may wish to be consulted.
 - b) to ask the CCGs, Adult and Community Services and the Task and Finish Group to provide an update on progress, including an update on the re-commissioning of the GP Out of Hours service/111 Service and community healthcare services; progress towards the development of 7 day working and progress towards improved sharing of information, at the next meeting on 15 October 2014.
7. The Committee recognised that the Health and Care Review consisted of three work streams – health and independence, urgent care and efficient elective care - aimed at developing a robust integrated health and care service for Suffolk. The Committee noted that some of the initiatives under the review were already being developed such as 7 day services and multi-disciplinary teams, but these required further development and enhancement, underpinned by improved use of technology and closer partnership working.
8. It was noted that there would be an incremental progress towards greater integration, as opposed to a set timetable for specific developments.
9. The Committee noted that it was not due to meet again formally until 15 October 2015 and agreed that it would appropriate to establish a Task and Finish Group to keep in touch with progress and developments under the review over the Summer and Autumn period.

Main Body of Evidence

Evidence Set 1 has been compiled by the Business Manager (Democratic Services) on behalf of the Task and Finish Group and provides a summary of the activity and observations from the Group

Evidence Set 2 has been provided by Ipswich and East CCC, West Suffolk CCG and Suffolk County Council.

Glossary

CCGs – Clinical Commissioning Groups

CQUIN – Commissioning for Quality and Innovation

CT – Computerised Tomography

CTPA – Computerised Tomography Pulmonary Angiography

DVT – Deep Vein Thrombosis

EAU – Emergency Assessment Unit
EEAST – East of England Ambulance Service NHS Trust
GI – Gastro-Intestinal
GPs – General Practitioners
MRI – Magnetic Resonance Imaging
NHS – National Health Service
OOH – Out of Hours
PAU – Paediatric Assessment Unit
TIA – Transient Ischemic Attack (mini-stroke)
WSFT – West Suffolk Foundation Trust

Supporting Information

NHS England (20 December 2014); Everyone Counts: Planning for Patients 2014/15 to 2018/19; Available from: <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/5yr-strat-plann-guid-wa.pdf>

Report to Ipswich and East and West Suffolk CCG Governing Bodies (March 2014); Strategic Commissioning Intentions for Urgent Care; Available from: <http://www.suffolkextranet.nhs.uk/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=BNXRiobWrUs%3d&tabid=2554&mid=5275> (see pages 55 to 69)

Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board (12 June 2014); Agenda Item 6; Better Care Fund; Available from: <http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/LoadDocument.aspx?rID=09002711812b05dc>

Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board (12 June 2104); Agenda Item 6a; Better Care Fund Planning Template; Available from: <http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/LoadDocument.aspx?rID=09002711812b0899>

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Further information about the Better Care Fund is available on the LGA website at: http://www.local.gov.uk/health-wellbeing-and-adult-social-care/-/journal_content/56/10180/4096799/ARTICLE

Suffolk Health and Wellbeing Board (10 September 2014); Agenda Item 12 – Health and Care Integration and the Better Care Fund; Available from: <http://committeeminutes.suffolkcc.gov.uk/LoadDocument.aspx?rID=090027118142f4ba>