

## **TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

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### **THE NHS NEXT STAGE REVIEW – NATIONAL AND LOCAL UPDATE**

#### **JOINT REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTORS OF ADULT AND CONSUMER CARE AND CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE**

## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This paper summarises the findings for Lord Darzi's national NHS Next Stages Review and provides an update on the related work being undertaken locally to develop health and health care in Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **2.1 Members are asked to:**

- **Note the findings from the NHS Next Stage Review and the work being undertaken locally in Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire;**
- **Receive further reports on the local NHS review as and when the recommendations are published**

## **3.0 SUMMARY**

- 3.1 The publication and implementation of the NHS Next Stage Review and the local Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin Review will have a significant impact on the future of health and healthcare in the borough.

## **4.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

11 February 2008, 'Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin Health Community – Development of an Overarching Strategy' (Cabinet Minute CB-123)

## **5.0 INFORMATION**

### **5.1 Background**

- 5.1.1 The NHS Next Stage Review, *High Quality Care for All* led by Health Minister and Surgeon, Lord Darzi was published in June 2008. It aims to deliver an NHS which has 'quality at its heart'. The summary report is attached as an appendix.
- 5.1.2 Amongst the Review's recommendations are that:

- Every Primary Care Trust will commission comprehensive well-being and prevention services, in partnership with local authorities – with a particular focus on obesity, alcohol harm, drug misuse, smoking, sexual health and mental health
- A Coalition for Better Health will be established, focused on improving health outcomes – especially around obesity
- Introduction of a new national programme of vascular risk assessment for people aged 40-74.
- Support for people to stay healthy at work.
- Greater choice of GP practice
- A new NHS Constitution, will give people rights to choose treatment and providers and to be more informed about the quality of services
- Personalised care plans will be put in place for everyone with a long-term condition
- Pilots of personal health budgets – along similar lines to personal budgets for social care
- There will be systematic measurement and publication of information about the quality of care – including a requirement for the NHS to publish ‘Quality Accounts’
- Hospital funding will be linked to the success and quality of treatment
- A new ‘Quality Observatory’ will be established in every NHS region (eg NHS West Midlands)
- New incentives for innovation in medicines and medical technologies will be introduced
- There will be opportunities to establish integrated care organisations (possibly involving social care) and social enterprises
- Improved NHS education and training will be put in place

5.1.3 In addition, as part of the Review, each NHS Region has published clinical reviews of the following services:

- Acute Care
- Paediatrics
- Maternity
- Mental Health (and in the West Midlands, Dementia)
- Urgent Care
- Planned Care
- Long Term Conditions
- Staying Healthy
- End of Life

5.1.4 The local NHS Review (‘Developing Health and Healthcare: A Strategy for Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin’) has taken place within this national and regional

context. It is being led by John MacDonald, a highly experienced former NHS Trust Chief Executive, and is being overseen by a Clinical Leaders Forum (which includes representatives from Telford & Wrekin Council and Shropshire County Council, 2 PCTs and 2 NHS Trusts)

- 5.1.5 The Local Review has comprised 8 workstreams (which mirror those set out in 5.1.3 above) and has included periodic stakeholder events with public and community representatives. The Deputy Leader of Telford & Wrekin Council and the Chair of Shropshire County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee co-chair a Shared Governance Group, which includes patient and voluntary sector representatives.
- 5.1.6 The local Review's focus is to develop proposals which:
- make sense clinically
  - make sense to communities
- 5.1.7 Work is currently being undertaken on a series of scenario around acute hospital services:
- Scenario 1 – do nothing
  - Scenario 2 – minimum change at Princess Royal (PRH) and Royal Shrewsbury (RSH) hospitals
  - Scenario 3 – more services provided in the community, with more of a focus in the medium term on either RSH or PRH
  - Scenario 4 – more services provided in the community; RSH and PRH continuing to provide planned surgery and diagnostic services; and a new hospital to be built between Shrewsbury and Telford as the major emergency centre for the area ("2020 option")
- 5.1.8 In addition, a review is being undertaken on the best interim arrangements for in-patient paediatric services – this is being undertaken by the Chief Executive of Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust and a leading Medical Consultant from Alder Hey Children's Hospital in Liverpool.
- 5.1.9 More detailed recommendations are expected to be published in October 2008 but detailed work and option appraisals will continue into 2009.

## **6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- 6.1. One of the underlying principles of the review is to address the significant variations in the quality of care that exist. Everyone should be able to access a consistent, high quality standard of care.

## **7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

- 7.1 If Scenario 4 (see para 5.12.7 above) is pursued, then early involvement of Local Authority Planning and Transport Officers will be essential.

## **8.0 LEGAL COMMENT**

- 8.1. Local Government is a key partner in this review, in accordance with the statutory duty of partnership set out in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 and other legislation relating to the role of Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

- 8.2 Both Telford & Wrekin and Shropshire County Councils have a direct interest in the review in terms of their “place shaping” and their joint commissioning and joint service provision relationships with the NHS.

## **9.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 9.1 These issues cut across Corporate priorities but are particularly relevant to:
- Children and Young People
  - Healthier communities and the Quality of Life of Older and Vulnerable People

## **10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. There are no direct financial implications arising directly from the recommendations of the report. However there may follow important future developments which give cause for careful monitoring of impacts on the Councils’ Adult Social Services cost base.
- 10.2 The report highlights developments which are likely to affect the delivery of services in commissioning and may therefore affect the current funding position between the PCT and the Council. The Council already has experience of delivering and commissioning services from pooled budgets and managing funding contributions towards health care from the PCT.
- 10.3 There are aspects of the review which specify Local Authority involvement, i.e. “commissioning well being and prevention services”, which will inevitably require the Council and PCT to properly identify the funding obligations for these initiatives and to maximise any new funds being allocated by Government to fulfil new responsibilities. In addition to this, impacts of changes on the NHS which affect the cost base of Adult Social Services either directly from partnership working or indirectly will be closely monitored and where necessary reported.

## **11. WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 District wide

## **12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 12.1 High Quality Care for All (Department of Health 2008)

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