

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

CABINET- 29 MARCH 2012

NHS TRANSFORMATION – UPDATE

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR - SOCIAL CARE SPECIALIST

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1.0 SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

- 1.1 This report provides a further update on the health transformation agenda for local NHS services and the implications for the Council.
- 1.2 The report should be read in conjunction with separate reports detailing the new statutory responsibilities in respect of Health & Wellbeing Boards, Public Health and Healthwatch, that will flow out of the transformation, subject to the passage of the Health and Social Care Bill through the parliamentary process.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Members note this update on NHS Transformation and the implications for the Council.**

3.0	<u>SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT</u>	
COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	Yes	- Improved lives for all - Vulnerable children and adults are protected
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	<i>Borough Wide</i>
DELIVERY DATE	<i>April 2012 – April 2013</i>	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	Financial implications associated with Public Health shadow allocations and the establishment of a local Healthwatch are set out in the separate respective reports referred to in point 4.4. The developments to the CHC funding issue include a decision to transfer new funding to the Council. This will be one off funding in 2011/12 of £3m to be used to offset 2012/13 cost pressures resulting from the cost shifting of former CHC funded clients. In addition the PCT have established a principle of funding CHC at or close to the national average in 2012/13 potentially reducing future funding obligations falling to the Council.
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	The Health & Social Care Bill is still being debated in Parliament and may be subject to further change before it is enacted. See also comments at paragraph 4.3.
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	Yes	Any other risks and opportunities will be appropriately managed and reported if necessary.
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	<i>Borough-wide impact.</i>

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4.0 REPORT SUMMARY

4.1 A report was prepared for Health & Wellbeing Board on the 14 December 2011 and Cabinet on the 22 December 2011 highlighting the implications of the health transformation agenda as set out in the Health & Social Care Bill. It outlined the implications for local NHS services as well as implications for the Council in respect of joint working with the NHS and new statutory responsibilities that would be placed on the Council

4.2 The areas covered in the report were:

Market based reforms – regarding the economic regulator (Monitor),

greater choice and completion and the requirement that all NHS trusts become Foundation Trusts

System reform – regarding the re-organisation of the NHS, including the abolition of Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts and creation of the NHS Commissioning Board, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and interim PCT Clusters (West Mercia Cluster)

Commissioning – regarding the creation of CCG's to take on commissioning of health services at a local level from PCT's, with potential implications for the joint commissioning arrangements the council has had in place with NHS T&W.

The NHS “productivity” agenda and Continuing Healthcare – in particular the impact on the Council's community care budget and spend as a result of significant reduction in NHS spend on continuing health care.

Health & Wellbeing Board (H&WB) and Health & Wellbeing Strategy (H&WS)– new statutory responsibilities on the Council to establish a H&WB in shadow form by April 2012 and accompanying H&WS.

Public Health – new statutory responsibility on the Council from April 2013 for areas of Public Health previously provided by the NHS.

Healthwatch – new statutory responsibility on the Council to commission Healthwatch to replace LINK at a local level. At the time of writing the last report this responsibility was due to commence in October 2012 but has since been put back to April 2013.

4.3 Clearly the Health and Social Care Bill is still in the parliamentary process. A significant number of amendments have been put forward by the government to try and ease it's passage, though in essence they do not alter the fundamental transformation proposed. The Department of Health continues to expect the NHS and LAs to plan on basis that the Bill will become law and transitional change within the NHS continues at a pace.

4.4 More detailed updates on the following items are picked up in individual reports on the following subjects:

Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board Governance
Public Health Shadow arrangements
Healthwatch update
JSNA and Health & Wellbeing Strategy development

4.5 Since the last report there have been positive developments in respect of the continuing health care (CHC) issues raised under the NHS productivity section. Officers meeting with the Chief Executive of the West Mercia Cluster and Managing Director Shropshire County PCT

and NHS Telford and Wrekin have gained recognition that the reduction in CHC spend needs to be addressed. NHS T&W will provide financial support to help address the costs transferred to the Council and will aim to increase spending in 2012/13 towards the national average. In addition the Council and NHS T&W will agree an independent external review of people who have had CHC funding removed.

- 4.6 The one area not specifically covered in the detailed papers, from the Council's perspective is commissioning and in particular joint Commissioning.
- 4.7 At the Health & Wellbeing Board meeting in December it was agreed as a matter of urgency to agree with T&W CCG a strategic direction of travel for commissioning, joint commissioning and the support arrangements that would underpin them.
- 4.8 Since then council officers prepared a report that was shared with the T&W CCG expressing a preferred option based on at a minimum, a continuation of the previous joint commissioning arrangements in place with NHS T&W and a wish to explore opportunities for greater local partnership as opposed to options which could include pan Shropshire NHS commissioning arrangements and West Mercia Cluster wide support arrangements.
- 4.9 T&W CCG discussed commissioning options at their Board on the 21 February and agreed to have joint discussions with the Council to develop an approach to joint commissioning within the constraints that they face. A positive meeting was held with the CCG on the 8 March and ongoing discussions are planned over the next few weeks.
- 4.10 The contents of this report has been discussed by the shadow Health & Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 22 February and the Board supports the recommendations.

5.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 5.1 Cabinet Report – 22.12.2011 – NHS Transformation and Implications for the Council.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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