

COMMISSIONING OF OLDER PEOPLE’S HEALTHCARE WORKING GROUP:REPORT BACK

To: Health Committee

Meeting Date: 20th November

From: Cllr Bourke
Chairman of Commissioning of Older People’s Healthcare Working Group

Electoral division(s): All

Forward Plan ref: Not applicable

Purpose: To inform the Committee of the activities undertaken by the Commissioning of Older People’s Healthcare Working group.

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to

- 1) consider the report
- 2) agree a new remit for the working group and formally agree terms of reference as drafted in Appendix A
- 3) note the joint presentation from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group and UnitingCare Partnership scheduled on 11th December 2014

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has undertaken a procurement process for healthcare services for older people and for adults with long term conditions. A range of community services for older people and adults with long-term conditions, unplanned acute hospital care for people aged 65 and older, older people's mental health services and other services which support the care of older people are included in the procurement.
- 1.2 Following representations made by the former Adults Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny committee (AWHOSC) the CCG Board agreed to undertake a public consultation based on the initial proposals from the bidders.
- 1.3 This report follows on from previous working group reports submitted to the Health Committee on both 29th May and 10th July 2014 and updates members with the current activity of the working group.

2. SUMMARY OF MAIN ISSUES

- 2.1 The Health Committee formally agreed to establish a working group and membership and terms of reference were agreed on 19th June 2014. Prior to this date significant work had been undertaken by the previous AWHOSC working group in calling for a public consultation and informing the content of the consultation questions.
- 2.2 The working group met with the CCG on 30th June 2014 and commented on the CCG's draft response and the themes arising from the consultation feedback. The Health Committee further agreed on 10th July that the working group should work with the CCG to ensure the bidders have taken the former AWHOSC and public consultation responses into account.

The working group met with the CCG on 11th August 2014 and were provided with evidence on a confidential basis in the form of anonymised written statements from the bidders that demonstrated how they had taken the consultation responses into account. Representatives from the CCG were not present when the working group considered the statements.

The working group found that the CCG had requested and obtained written response from the bidders as to how they had taken into account each of the themes, issues and recommendations that had emerged from the public consultation.

- 2.3 On 11th September 2014 the Health Committee agreed that the working group would meet with the CCG after the contract was awarded to discuss the outcome and any future scrutiny role for the Health Committee. These proposals were to be brought back to full Health Committee on 20th November 2014.

2.4 CCG announced on 1st October 2014 that the contract had been awarded to UnitingCare Partnership (UCP), and the working group has met with representatives from the CCG on 10th October. The key areas of discussion focused around future mobilisation plans and communication around the new contract provider.

2.5 The working group identified a need to meet with UnitingCare Partnership as a provider of local healthcare services separately to meetings with CCG as the commissioner of the services. The following key potential areas for the working group, under health scrutiny function to focus on were suggested

- Workforce transition plans
- Communication plans to the public and service users and engagement with the voluntary sector
- Contract monitoring, evaluation and expected savings

The terms of reference as set out to the Health Committee and agreed on 19th June 2014 do not reflect this revised scrutiny of the contract provider. Subject to the Health Committee agreeing the continuation of this working new terms of reference have been drafted (see Appendix A) for approval.

2.6 The CCG also agreed to circulate to the Health Committee more details regarding the new contract provider as these become available (likely to be after 24th October 2014 when the contract is officially signed).

2.7 A joint briefing from CCG and UCP for members of Health Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board has been scheduled for 11th December 2014.

3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Resource Implications

Working group activities will involve staff resources in both the Council (specifically Public Health) and in the NHS organisations that are subject to scrutiny.

3.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

These are outlined in a paper on the Health Committee powers and duties, which was considered by the Committee on 29th May 2014

3.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

The services which result from the new contract will impact particularly on older people, people with long term conditions and carers.

3.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

Health committee's involvement has improved the engagement process proposed and the continued involvement of the working group offers health committee ongoing assurances that both CCG and UCP are engaging and consulting during the next stages.

3.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement Implications

There is District officer representation on the working group.

3.6 Public Health Implications

The services which result from the bidding process will have a major impact on health and wellbeing of older people with long-term conditions, and their carers.

Source Documents	Location
Reports to and minutes of Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Committee.aspx?committeeID=37
Reports to and minutes of Health Committee	http://www2.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/CommitteeMinutes/Committees/Committee.aspx?committeeID=76