

Creating a Positive Environment for Primary Care to Flourish

Introduction

The purpose of the agenda item is to raise awareness of, and seek engagement in, the work being undertaken across Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, under the 'NHS Call to Action' umbrella, to transform the way primary care services are provided, for the benefit of patients, and in a way that ensures sustainability in the longer term. The intention would be to describe some of the potential schemes currently being explored in the patch.

Although this work has only just commenced there will clearly be implications for a range of partner organisations, including all current providers of hospital, out of hospital care across the NHS and third sector. In addition, all commissioners and providers of local authority based services including public health.

Context

- NHS England is calling on patients, the public and staff to join in a discussion about the future of the NHS **Call to Action** (NHS England, 2013)
- There are increasing & unsustainable pressures on Primary Care, and providers, including General Practice, Pharmacy, Dentists and Optometry want and need to transform the way they provide services to reflect these growing challenges.
- The NHS in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire needs to deal with challenges ahead, such as the ageing population, a rise in long-term conditions, lifestyle risk factors in the young and greater public expectations.
- Combined with rising costs and constrained financial resources, these trends threaten the long-term sustainability of the health service. Whilst there have already been changes to make savings and improve productivity further changes are needed.
- The constitution states that the NHS belongs to the people and so does its future. NHS England will be working together with all stakeholders to develop new local approaches.

Strategy

The Area Team wants to develop a strategy for Transforming Primary Care with a framework centred on 5 key work streams, Patients & Improving outcomes, People (workforce and stakeholders), Processes, Premises and Payments. This work will be led by Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Area Team, working with the ten Clinical Commissioning Groups. As part of this strategy the Area Team wants to engage with all Health and Well Being Boards as early as possible.

Next Steps

The strategy is will be translated into a programme of actions and projects. These include on-going Public and Patient engagement, on-going CCG engagement & workshops, leading to transformational Pilots being discussed and developed. Further early engagement with HWB in this process is a key part of the strategy.