

23 November 2015

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

BASSETLAW WORKING TOGETHER PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To introduce a briefing on the establishment of a collaborative partnership between NHS commissioners to lead a Transformational Change Programme across South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw, North Derbyshire and Wakefield with a focus on hospital services.

Information and Advice

2. The purpose of the Working Together programme is to share best practice and improve patient care. It is hoped that working together on a number of common issues will allow all the Trusts to deliver benefits that they would not achieve by working on their own. The aims of the partnership are to strengthen each organisation's ability to:
 - Deliver safe, sustainable and local services to people in the most appropriate care setting.
 - Meet commissioner intentions to improve the health and wellbeing of the people being served in the most efficient and effective way.
 - Make collective efficiencies where the potential exists
3. The work builds on earlier successes where partnering with other Trusts has already helped to improve care, such as for patients who have suffered a heart attack, stroke, patients with cancer and very sick children. Initially, the programme was constructed around four interdependent themes: Sharing and Adopting Good Practice, Developing a Sustainable Service Configuration, Assuring Sustainable Service Quality and creating a cross Trust care environment through the development of Informatics.
4. A briefing from Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group is attached as an appendix to this report.
5. Members may wish to explore what the outcomes of the programme have been so far and what they are likely to be in the future.

Request for New Joint Health Arrangements

The Working Together Programme intends to make a formal request to the Chief Executives of authorities with responsibility for Health Scrutiny within its working area to form a new body to undertake Joint Health Scrutiny across the relevant parts of South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and

Bassetlaw. The decision on whether or not to participate in this new joint body will need to be taken at a meeting of Full Council. If the new body is formed, it is anticipated that one of the first issues to be examined will be Hyper-acute Stroke Services.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Health Scrutiny Committee considers and comments on the information provided.
- 2) That further consideration of these issues be scheduled, as necessary.

Councillor Colleen Harwood
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Working Together – a partnership to deliver high quality, efficient patient care for South Yorkshire, Mid Yorkshire and North Derbyshire

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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