



Nottinghamshire
County Council

Social Care & Health

Joint Commissioning Strategy

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Purpose

1. To up-date progress on the implementation of 2011/2012 joint commissioning intentions as set out in the 2009/14 joint strategy 'Improving Lives in Nottinghamshire'.
2. To outline the impact of the Health and Social Care Bill on the future development of local joint commissioning arrangements and governance.

Information

3. The last joint commissioning progress report to the Committee was made in April 2011. Quarterly progress reports continue to be presented to the Executive Joint Commissioning Group. Quarter 1 of 2011/12 plans are attached at Appendix A, with Quarter 2 progress scheduled to be considered at the next meeting of the Executive Joint Commissioning Group.
4. Responsibility for monitoring delivery of seven joint commissioning plans rests with newly constituted joint commissioning groups, as detailed in section 8.
5. These groups are asked to assess performance against delivery of these annual implementation plans on a quarterly basis using the traffic lighting definitions below:

RED – Not achieved/major issue(s) stalling progress

AMBER – Some issue(s) stalling progress

GREEN – Achieved/on course to deliver as planned

The assessment is made against overall progress where there are a number of tasks contained within the same area of work. A comments column is available to provide additional information – completion of this section is required where the RAG rating is coded red and should identify anticipated progress during the next quarter.

6. The table below highlights the traffic light status of the actions contained within these detailed work plans. At this early stage in

the year (the report covers the period from April to June 2011) it is not unusual for a number of actions to be highlighted as amber. Where actions or outcomes are flagged as red, details of the level of risk and actions in mitigation are required to be reported to the Executive Joint Commissioning Group. One action is highlighted as red in the attached report, pending a decision being made by the Productive Nottinghamshire Board, a partnership board comprising the health trusts working in the county.

Implementation Plan	Number of red flags	Red flagged action/outcome	Level of risk	Contingency arrangements and comment
Carers	0			
Children	0			
Mental health	0			
Learning Disability and Autistic Spectrum Disorder	0			
Older People	0			
Older People with Mental Health Needs	1	OPMH2	Low	Pending decision of Productive Notts Board in relation to an options appraisal.
Physical Disability and sensory impairment	0			

Future Joint Commissioning

7. The Health and Social Care Bill 2011 sets out a clear policy drive on joint commissioning and increased integration between the NHS, Public Health (PH) and Local Authorities (LAs). This is to be led strategically by local Health and Wellbeing Boards who will oversee the development of a local Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Health and Wellbeing Strategy to provide an overarching framework for joint commissioning. LAs, PH and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) need to have regard to these documents in their commissioning plans, including how joint working has improved outcomes for local people.
8. To underpin this and be effective, strong commissioning and governance arrangements need to be in place across agencies. In Nottinghamshire the seven previous joint strategic commissioning groups have been reviewed and rationalised into four, reporting into an overarching Joint Commissioning Executive:
 - Childrens Trust Board
 - Childrens (disability and CAMHs)
 - Younger adults (mental health, learning disability, autism)

- Older Adults (including older people with mental ill-health)
Following discussion with all six CCG Chief Operating Officers (COOs) an approach has been agreed whereby a single COO will represent all the CCGs on each of the above groups.
9. Nottinghamshire's refreshed JSNA and first draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy are scheduled for end of December 2011. These will provide a starting point for debate and agreement of future joint priorities.
 10. A half day event is being planned for CCG Leads and COOs in January 2012 to take a proactive approach to recommend joint priorities to the Health and Wellbeing Board, ensuring there is the capacity and structures in place to deliver them.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Social Care and Health Standing Committee consider the progress made, identify any further areas for consideration and consider that, as the Health and Wellbeing Board are now taking responsibility for joint commissioning, no further reports to this Committee are required.

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Chair of Social Care and Health Standing Committee

Background Papers:

Improving Lives in Nottinghamshire, Joint Commissioning Framework 2009 -14

Joint Commissioning Strategy report to Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee, 4th April 2011.