

# Report



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## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR MENTAL HEALTH & LEARNING DISABILITY**

### **PARTNERSHIP WORKING – THE WORK OF THE DELIVERY OVERSIGHT GROUP**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To inform members of the work of the Delivery Oversight Group
- 1.2 To update members on the progress made toward the development of partnership arrangements between the County Council, the City Council and the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 Working in partnership is a key requirement of all local services provision. The requirement to work in partnership became a formal duty through the Health and Social Care Act 2001. The recent publication of 'Our health, Our Care, Our Say' confirms the need for wider partnerships development and our three organisations will need to consider the impact of the White Paper together within the context of provision of local services.

2.2 The Delivery Oversight Group ( DOG) has been formed to provide leadership and strategic vision to the development of integrated services. The group meets quarterly to oversee governance processes, resources, strategy, and confirm partner arrangements.

Membership of the group consists of:

- the strategic director, Nottinghamshire County Council, Adult Social Care and Health department
- the strategic director, Nottingham City Council, Adult Social Care and Housing department
- the chief executive, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

The Delivery Oversight Group has agreed leadership and partner arrangements for the following integrated services:

- adult mental health - lead- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
- learning disability – lead – Adult Social Care and Health Department
- older peoples mental health – lead – to be agreed
- community forensic services- lead- Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust

2.3 Steph Palmerone, Jon Wilson and Elaine Yardley attended the Trust Board to share progress on the partnership agreement and to suggest some ideas for next steps. This was well received and prompted a number of questions and some discussion. We would like to use the presentation to brief elected members as well.

### 3. **Context**

3.1 The role of the Delivery Oversight Group is to formally support the development, delivery and review of jointly managed services and to make ongoing joint recommendations to each of the partner agencies. The Group will become an agreed body between the three agencies to resolve where possible disputes that cannot be resolved at care group level. It will also support where possible, a single dialogue with commissioning bodies on behalf of the three provider agencies.

It will support all three agencies to deliver an agreed approach by the lead partner within each of the care groups and the requirement for the lead partner to provide

- Budgetary and activity systems and information to enable effective performance management.
- Financial forecasting and administrative systems and risk management arrangements
- Leadership in relationship to modernisation of services in line with national and local policy
- Leadership in relation to training and development for staff
- Access to appropriate professional development (this maybe through one of the other partners)
- Shared understanding of governance and professional support arrangements
- Shared approach to strategic priorities and joint planning

- Development of joint policies and procedures

Each lead agency must take into account the strategic and corporate strategies of the other organisations and enable the skills and expertise of staff from within the partnership to take an active role in the management and delivery of services.

Each lead agency will also need to ensure that local and national priorities are addressed and required reporting, performance and information requirement are met.

Each lead agency will, on request, promptly prepare and submit reports to the board or to elected members as required.

Each lead agency will ensure that appropriate senior officers are available to attend scrutiny, CSCI , healthcare commission and other performance review meetings.

Each lead agency will ensure that effective involvement is maintained and strengthened where possible in local and national planning and development forums.

#### **4. Performance Issues**

- 4.1 The DOG has commissioned a number of work streams to develop lead agency and partner organisation responsibilities. Progress has been made in looking at how we can unblock some of the issues that do not help staff to work together in a more integrated way.

The work streams cover:-

- Involvement
- Incidents and Learning
- Complaints
- Training and Development
- Planning and Performance
- Information
- Demographic information and needs assessment
- Finance
- Human Resources

We were really pleased to see real progress in all areas in particular information and training/development. We have supported proposals to develop a single information structure in pilot with the county which will then move to the city.

We have asked for some more work to be focused on human resources, finance and performance.

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