

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>
<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2013
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>Adult Social Care – Next Stage Integration – Wye Valley NHS Trust</b>
<b>REPORT BY:</b>	<b>Director of People’s Services</b>

**1. Classification**

Open

**2. Key Decision**

This is not an executive decision

**3. Wards Affected**

County-wide

**4. Purpose**

To advise the Health and Wellbeing Board of:

- progress to date on the Next Stage Integration Project and the implications and opportunities for the health and wellbeing system and
- consider opportunities for synergy between commissioners to achieve service transformation

**5. Recommendation(s)**

THAT:

- (a) The Health and Wellbeing Board consider, and support the new operating model for Adult Social Care in Herefordshire

**6. Alternative Options**

6.1 There are no Alternative Options for consideration at this time as the project has not completed the consultation and engagement period from which further considerations may arise.

**7. Reasons for Recommendations**

7.1 The recommendation is made to ensure the effective engagement of all Health and Social Care partners in delivering and supporting the effective transition from the existing Section 75 agreements to the new operating model.

**8. Key Considerations**

8.1 Every local authority is facing significant financial and community challenges in trying to maintain appropriate services to the most vulnerable members of our society. The national policy agenda focuses on increasing choice and control for the

service user, enabling people to choose services for themselves. The Care and Support Bill introduces further requirements on health and social care partners. This means that there is a need for integrated pathways that take forward improved social care and health outcomes, which are of good quality and that are sustainable.

- 8.2 In Herefordshire our aim is to ensure that we develop jointly planned services and jointly owned indicators to get the right support in a seamless manner. The council will take the leadership role in social care with better management of the assessment process so that we can convert assessments into personal budgets.
- 8.3 Whilst there has been some success in addressing hospital discharge arrangements, Adult Social Care has much broader responsibilities and requirements as well. For example, housing and benefits issues are often core components of a plan of action to address vulnerabilities which prevent the need for crisis care later.
- 8.4 Through this project, the Council intends to modernise and improve the quality of its adult social care services. This will enable more outward facing community focussed approaches, and better information, advice and guidance to address problems currently experienced by families and service users who are not clear where to get information and advice from. There will also be a new commissioning strategy with fewer block contracts.
- 8.5 The Council is encouraging new models of meeting need and delivering services, which will include developing relationships with our suppliers that deliver the co-production of services in line with the aspirations and choices of our service users. This project also secures some service efficiencies to address the financial position facing the Council.
- 8.6 The presentation at Appendix One gives a summary of the Next Stage Integration Project within Adult Social Care and indicates the timelines for change, and the differences between the current model and the new operating model.

## **9. Community Impact**

- 9.1 The NSI Project sits within the ASC Transformation Programme which responds to the requirements of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- These changes are in line with the national policy direction over several years. The Health and Wellbeing Board has already received and commented on the overall transformation plan for Adult Services.

## **10. Equality and Human Rights**

Equality Impact Assessments are being undertaken within the project as a whole and as part of the commissioning and procurement activities within the project.

## **11. Financial Implications**

- 11.1 Both the Council and the CCG have to ensure effective use of the cash limited budgets they receive. The Next Stage Integration project is one project within the Adult Social Care transformation programme, designed to transform approaches to meeting need and reduce the costs to the budget available.

## **12. Legal Implications**

- 12.1 End of Section 75 agreement with WVT 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013
- End of Section 75 agreement with 2gether 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014

## **13. Risk Management**

- 13.1 A Risk and Issue Log is maintained for the NSI Project

## **14. Consultees**

- 14.1 A programme of consultation and engagement is underway involving staff, service users and their families, carers, care workers, Health and Social Care partners, elected members, and existing and prospective suppliers.

## **15. Appendices**

- 15.1 **Appendix One** – Presentation to the Health and Well being Board

## **16. Background Papers**

- 16.1 None identified.