

STRATEGIC REVIEW OF PROVIDER SERVICES

Report By: Director, Adult Social Care

Wards Affected

County-wide.

Purpose

1. To notify members of the status of the Provider Review, commissioned by Herefordshire Council, the Herefordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust (HHT).

Financial Implications

2. No direct financial implications at this stage.

Provider Review

3. Herefordshire Primary Care Trust (PCT), Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust (HHT) and Herefordshire Council have commissioned the Health Services Management Centre (HSMC) of Birmingham University to work with them in a strategic review. The review aims to:
4. *'ensure that provider services are fit for purpose and organised in sustainable configurations which are able to both drive service improvement and deliver real efficiency'*
5. The principles underpinning the review have been agreed as:
 - Patient centred services
 - A viable District General Hospital (DGH)
 - Clinically safe and quality services
 - Care pathways integrated across health and social care
 - A viable and sustainable provider organisation
6. This 'whole system' health and social care vision for future service delivery is needed to support decisions on future provider options such as Foundation Trust status. The Provider Review is, therefore, timely to ensure that services are 'fit for purpose' and to agree a provider configuration that will ensure improvements to the patient/client journey.
7. Input from local clinicians and managers will be key, working with service users where appropriate. Working groups are being identified and workshops being scheduled for mid to late June.

8. The project will have a staged approach which will:
 - Agree success criteria to assess provider options
 - Develop models of care (in line with the clinical pathways identified by the Darzi review of the NHS) including analysis of financial and clinical viability
 - Develop potential provider configurations
 - Assess the potential configurations against the success criteria to arrive at a preferred option
9. The preferred option will be decided in August 2008.
10. The steering group for the project has been established and is chaired by Jo Newton. The project is being managed jointly by Wendy Huxley-Marko (PCT) and Rob Ewing (Herefordshire Council).

RECOMMENDATION

THAT subject to any comments that the Committee may want to make, the report be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified.