

NHS HEREFORDSHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

Briefing for Herefordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Integrated Urgent Care Pathway Project

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To inform the Committee of progress with NHS Herefordshire Clinical Commissioning Group plans to commission an integrated urgent care pathway.

RECOMMENDATION TO THE COMMITTEE

The Committee is asked to receive the report for information.

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NHS Herefordshire CCG

Purpose of the Report

HCCG gave a presentation to the HOSC on the 19th January 2015 regarding the integrated urgent care pathway project. The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the HOSC.

Current Position

As was set out in the report presented in January, HCCG identified Wye Valley NHS Trust (WVT) as being best placed to both develop a potential solution and to take forward the role as potential Accountable Lead Provider. Wye Valley NHS Trust was offered and accepted the opportunity to develop a proposal in November 2014. HCCG issued to WVT a set of documentation describing HCCG's requirements against which WVT must shape the proposals.

Wye Valley NHS Trust has over the last few months been developing its proposals in discussion with a range of local service providers.

Three Dialogue Meetings have been held between HCCG and WVT to provide clarification on the CCGs requirements, for WVT to share thinking and to provide assurance that work is moving forward as required. This stage is similar to the stage of procurement when providers are preparing their tender submission. WVT will submit its proposals to HCCG on the 27th March 2015.

Next Steps

Following the submission of the proposed solution an evaluation process will be undertaken. A nominee from Herefordshire County Council Adult Social Care is a member of the evaluation panel. The panel also includes the CCG's external clinical advisors. They are three GPs (not working in Herefordshire and a Professor of Surgery from the East Midlands). This evaluation will determine if the solution meets the requirements set out by HCCG and will deliver a fundamentally improved urgent care service for Herefordshire residents.

Alongside the evaluation HCCG will be assembling evidence and the business case to support the internal and external service change assurance process. This process is nationally mandated in order to ensure that any NHS service change proposals are robust, consistently developed across the NHS and that the NHS meets its legal duties in taking forward change programmes. For example this process includes undertaking an integrated impact assessment to identify any positive or negative impacts on health outcomes or equalities for the local population as a result of the proposals. During this period the communication and engagement process, and, if appropriate, a formal consultation process will be planned.

HCCG will also be seeking external assurance from clinical experts and NHSE that the proposals are in line with best clinical practice and evidence nationally.

It is anticipated that if Wye Valley NHS Trust proposals are successful and are assessed as meeting the CCGs requirements the aim will be to begin implementing changes from Autumn 2015.