

Co-operative Scrutiny Board

Decisions Taken Under Delegated Authority



CONTEXT

On the 2nd and 3rd of July the Caring Plymouth Panel undertook a review of the Fairer Charging Policy, the Integrated Commissioning and Integrated Delivery elements of the Integrated Health and Wellbeing Transformation programme.

The panel considered the full business cases of the transformation projects and the fairer charging policy document. Following presentations from officers representing Plymouth City Council and the NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group members fully supported the proposals to Cabinet and agreed the following recommendations.

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

Fairer Charging Policy

Agreed that Caring Plymouth fully supported and commend the following recommendation to Cabinet -

To agree the proposed fairer charging policy as submitted which takes into account 70% of Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Severe Disability Allowance as income, with the remaining 30% being disregarded to cover additional disability related expenditure. The proposal includes the ability for individuals to request an assessment and provide evidence of their disability related expenditure if they consider that their expenditure is greater than the equivalent of the 30% disregard.

Caring Plymouth also made the following recommendations and agreed that-

1. a review of the Fairer Charging Policy is undertaken every 6 months over the next 2 years;
2. Cabinet should consider that through the Fairer Charging assessment process, whole household Benefits Assessments should be offered to ensure maximisation of benefits is taken up;
3. information around the Care Act to be provided to the panel with a possible joint review with Ambitious Plymouth on how the Care Act will impact on young people moving into adulthood;
4. the panel support the £1.2 m in income from Fairer Charging to reduce the £2.2m deficit within Adult Social Care;
5. through the assessment process for people with learning disabilities ensure that an adequate advocacy service is in place.

The panel felt assured that the consultation process was undertaken appropriately and that the Fairer Charging Policy is fair and equitable.

Integrated Commissioning

Agreed that Caring Plymouth fully support and commend the following recommendations to Cabinet –

In order to meet the challenges facing the health and care system it is recommended that NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group and Plymouth City Council follow a road map towards integrated commissioning by formally approving the following steps-

1. Plymouth City Council to review all commissioning activity across The People Directorate and Office of the Director for Public Health and establish a single co-operative commissioning unit ahead of integration;
2. Plymouth City Council works collaboratively with NEW Devon CCG to achieve the first stage of an Integrated Commissioning Function by March 2015;
3. Plymouth City Council works with NEW Devon CCG to develop a section 75 agreement(s) by the end of March 2015 to pool budgets based around:
 - 3.1 Wellness;
 - 3.2 Community Based Care;
 - 3.3 Complex / Bed Based Care (excluding acute).
4. Plymouth City Council works with NEW Devon CCG to develop single commissioning strategies based around the above.

Recommendations III and IV are subject to further Plymouth City Council and NEW Devon CCG Governance Approvals prior to implementation in November 2014.

Integrated Delivery

Agreed that Caring Plymouth fully support and commend the following recommendations to Cabinet –

Public Services are facing challenges from rising demand, increased complexity and financial pressures. To address these concerns and improve outcomes for service users and patients, Plymouth City Council and NEW Devon CCG propose to integrate health and social care services.

The recommendations drawn from the analysis are:

1. Plymouth City Council to work with NEW Devon CCG to develop a Section 75 agreement that pools relevant Adult Social Care and CCG budgets to facilitate the creation of a single community health and social care delivery model
2. Plymouth City Council to work with NEW Devon CCG to develop robust governance, contractual and financial systems that provide appropriate assurance to both organisations
3. Plymouth City Council works with NEW Devon CCG and Plymouth Community Healthcare (PCH) as the incumbent local community health provider, on developing and evaluating options for the integration of Community Health and Adult Social service delivery in the City by April 2015.
4. To consult with staff, unions and stakeholders in developing the new service model.
5. The final position to be presented to Cabinet and NEW Devon CCG Governing Body in November 2014 for decision.