

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting to be held on 29 October 2015

Pan Lancashire Learning Disabilities Fast Track Plan

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Executive Summary

Lancashire and Greater Manchester have been chosen as one of 5 Fast Track areas by NHS England. A £10 million fund has been identified by NHS England and the fast track areas were requested to develop to bid for the funds, by producing a transformation plan identifying how the funding will be spent prior to March 16 and how the funding would be matched by local spend during the financial years 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Plan submission was required by Monday 7th September, and an accompanying letter was included, indicating that the Lancashire plan has not yet had opportunity to be signed off by Governing Bodies, due to the timescales imposed.

Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

Approve the plan, agreeing the principles within it to develop the required transformation programme and create an integrated community approach for the Learning Disability population.

Background

The national directive following the Winterbourne View, supported by the Bubb report, is to transform long term in-patient care for patients with a learning disability to a more community based service model.

It is recognised that some in-patient facilities will be required for the population in Lancashire; however a new integrated model has been outlined within the plan. This would be delivered by integrated community teams, offering a core service to all patients from hubs with a regional service providing opportunity to purchase any required additional support to develop individualised packages of care.

Development of community support services will be required to transform care for those with learning disabilities who present challenging behaviour, from a reactionary approach to a proactive and preventative approach.

Positive Behaviour Support services, Assessment, Treatment and Discharge facilities; Crisis support teams and Respite care are included in the plan, to deliver the required transformation.

This work will be led by a transformation programme management office team over a 12 month period in the first instance. In addition to transforming the service model for new patients, or those currently cared for in the community, there is also the requirement to transfer as many of the current in-patient cohort as possible into community care packages. This process is often complex for a variety of reasons such as restrictions in place by the Ministry of Justice, identifying suitable accommodation or sufficient appropriately skilled staff to deliver the required care.

There are 47 patients in CCG cohorts and 46 patients in the specialised commissioned cohorts for Lancashire. In order to discharge the patients it has been identified that discharge co-ordinators are required who will be responsible for ensuring that progress is made at pace, and to commence a discharge plan on admission process for in-patients going forward. The plan identified these roles to be in place as a 12 month solution in the first instance.

Achieving these transformational changes has the potential to destabilise the main local provider of learning disability in-patient services in Lancashire and in order to manage the transition the Lancashire CCG Chief Finance Officers are working with the management team at Calderstones Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to establish financial stability.

The new packages of care that are required for the discharged patients/service users therefore are a cost pressure to CCGs and have been included in the fast track bid for funding until March 2016 and identified as match funding in 2016/17.

We are working towards development of a pooled resource arrangement in Lancashire that will enable funding to transfer with the patient, elements of funding have historically been managed via the process of what were traditionally called 'dowries' and we are seeking to establish a fair and transparent method to support the funding for patients in the future. Any new packages of care requiring funding by the County Council could represent significant additional financial pressure without the agreement around a transfer of funds in place. We still await final national guidance.

The plan has outlined that proposals for service development in Lancashire will need business cases going forward, prior to funding being agreed. The finance section of the plan has described the funding requested and outlined the match funding requirements. Every effort has been made to minimise any additional financial impact to CCGs, as agreed with the Chief Finance Officers, prior to submission of the plan. Full details are within the finance section along with activity reduction proposals.

The plans have been through a quality assurance process with NHS England. The bids have been assessed and exceeded resources across the 5 Fast Track areas. The pan Lancashire bid has been allocated £640k, the requested bid elements for the cost of care packages and capital was not agreed although a separate capital fund has been identified as available for bids.

Use the following link to access the full [Pan Lancashire Learning Disabilities Fast Track Plan](#)