

**Adult Community Services Procurement – briefing for Health & Wellbeing Board –  
January 2016**

In response to its obligations set out in the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) (No. 2) Regulations 2013, Wiltshire CCG has recently concluded its formal procurement of 19 integrated Adult Community Services (ACS).

The procurement formally began in January 2015 to identify a provider to whom the contract for ACS could be awarded. The single contract will be for 5 years, plus the option of a further two year extension by mutual agreement and will start on 1 July 2016.

The preferred bidder has been identified as Wiltshire Health and Care (WHC) This new provider was selected by a procurement panel involving colleagues from Wiltshire CCG and Wiltshire Council. The CCG Governing Body has agreed that the ACS contract can be awarded to WHC and information about this decision has been shared with stakeholders and with the public through the media.

WHC is a joint venture organisation focused solely on community services in Wiltshire. The organisation is a partnership between Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust and Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust. The Board of Wiltshire Health & Care will include GP provider representatives to ensure a strong primary care voice and lay membership to represent patient and public views.

Following a voluntary 10 day standstill period, the CCG is now engaged in the process of contracting with WHC as part of a 6 month mobilisation period. During the first half of 2016, patients are not expected to experience any changes to the delivery of service and the transition between providers at the end of the current contract is also expected to be seamless. The CCG is engaged with the current and future providers of community services to ensure that these expectations are delivered.

As part of the CCGs five year plan to bring health care closer to home, the changes to adult community services will ensure that the focus is very much on patient centred care with GP practices firmly at the heart of community provision. Delivered through integrated community teams across the county, Wiltshire Health and Care will support Wiltshire CCG to meet the challenges of an ageing population, and to enhance partner working across the health economy to provide a health service fit for tomorrow.

## Supporting information

### **Which services are included?**

- Core Community Teams (inc Care Co-ordinators)
- Community beds (inc Step up)
- Community Geriatrician/Frail Elderly Service
- Stroke Therapies Neurology Stroke
- Speech and Language Therapy (Salt)
- Minor injuries unit (MIU)
- Continence
- Community Team for People with Learning Disabilities (CTPLD)
- Hearing Therapies
- Tissue Viability & Lymphedema
- Diabetes
- Dietetics
- Podiatry
- Community Outpatient musculoskeletal physiotherapy and Extended Scope Practitioners
- Orthotics
- Wheelchairs
- Cardiac (PACE) and Respiratory Services (COPD)
- Outpatient Department Services
- Fracture Clinic

### **How much is the contract worth?**

Published maximum available funding is just under £40m per annum

Information about WHC is available at: [Ask.wiltshirehealthandcare@gwh.nhs.uk](mailto:Ask.wiltshirehealthandcare@gwh.nhs.uk)