

Wiltshire Council

Health and Wellbeing Board

28 January 2016

Subject: NHS Shared Planning Guidance 2016-2021

Executive Summary

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1. A local health and care system 'Sustainability and Transformation Plan', which will cover the period October 2016 to March 2021; and
2. A plan by organisation for 2016/17. This will need to reflect the emerging Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

Proposal(s)

It is recommended that the Board:

- i) Notes the timescale for producing a Sustainability and Transformation Plan;
- ii) Authorises the Chair and Vice Chair to agree a transformation footprint with neighbouring areas so that an early view can be provided to NHS England ahead of production of the plan for June 2016.
- iii) Agree to further discussions on the development of the Plan at meetings scheduled for April and June.

Reason for Proposal

The NHS is asking every health and care system to come together, to create its own ambitious local blueprint for accelerating its implementation of the Forward View. Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs) will cover the period between October 2016 and March 2021, and will be subject to formal assessment in July 2016 following submission by the end of June 2016.

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Purpose of Report

1. To summarise recent guidance from the NHS, a full copy of which is available below.

Background

2. NHS [Shared Planning Guidance](#), authored by six national NHS bodies, was issued on 23 December 2015. As part of the planning process, all NHS organisations are asked to produce two separate but interconnected plans:
 1. A local health and care system ‘Sustainability and Transformation Plan’, which will cover the period October 2016 to March 2021; and
 2. A plan by organisation for 2016/17. This will need to reflect the emerging Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).
3. The guidance notes that *“As a truly place-based plan, the STPs must cover all areas of CCG and NHS England commissioned activity including: (i) specialised services, where the planning will be led from the 10 collaborative commissioning hubs; and (ii) primary medical care, and do so from a local CCG perspective, irrespective of delegation arrangements. The STP must also cover better integration with local authority services, including, but not limited to, prevention and social care, reflecting local agreed health and wellbeing strategies.*
4. *The STPs will become the single application and approval process for being accepted onto programmes with transformational funding for 2017/18 onwards. This step is intended to reduce bureaucracy and help with the local join-up of multiple national initiatives”.*
5. In Wiltshire a new health and wellbeing strategy has recently been agreed which provides a good basis for discussions to develop the plan. The first critical task, however, is for local health and care systems to consider their transformation footprint for the plan and express a view on this to NHS England by **29 January**. Following this further detailed guidance is expected to be issued. In the meantime, local areas are asked to consider the NHS Mandate objectives and around 60 key questions under the following headings:
 - How will you close the health and wellbeing gap?
 - How will you drive transformation to close the care and quality gap?
 - How will you close the finance and efficiency gap?

Other Considerations

6. As noted above the STP is set to govern access to transformation funding through a new Sustainability and Transformation Fund overseen by NHS England and NHS Improvement. This fund will hold £1.8 billion to support providers (replacing direct funding currently held by the Department of Health) as well as other funding streams that support transformation to create a total fund of £2.1 billion.
7. The guidance states that the distribution of provider funding will be calculated on a trust by trust basis by NHS Improvement and then agreed with NHS England. The Department of Health has also published both the NHS Mandate and financial directions to NHS England. The financial directions indicate that for 2016/17 the £1.8 billion for providers remains under a separate ring-fence from other NHS money and also notes that 'allocations from the fund for sustainability and transformation must be agreed in advance with HM Treasury and Department of Health'.

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Other documents:

NHS Shared Planning Guidance can be read at:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/planning-guid-16-17-20-21.pdf>