

Continuing Healthcare Working Group

Update on Action Plan

Purpose of the report

1. To update the Committee, jointly on behalf of NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council, on the actions identified by the CHC Working Group.

Overview

2. During spring 2012, NHS Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council officers participated in a joint working group with HASC members and NHS Wiltshire Non Executive Directors which examined the arrangements, policies and processes for CHC.
3. The Working Group provided a good opportunity to profile the partnership working which has been progressed over the last 18 months, aimed at improving patient/customer experiences of what is often inevitably a complex and sensitive process to determine eligibility for Continuing Healthcare.
4. In May 2012, the Committee received and endorsed an action plan, based upon recommendations from the joint working group.

Update on the action plan

5. An update on the action plan is provided as Appendix A. Developments must be taken in the context of the following:
 - a. NHS Wiltshire has been in transition to Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). The CHC function will transition in existing state to Wiltshire CCG from 1 April 2013 where full responsibility is retained by the CCG. Responsibility for CHC will sit within the Directorate of Quality and Patient Safety (Director is Jacqui Chidgey-Clark).

- b. Wiltshire Council officers are working in partnership with the Clinical Commissioning Group to develop joint commissioning arrangements between the two organisations and to undertake a review of all community health and care arrangements (the Community Services Transformation programme). This programme will focus on improving the 'care pathway' for people, delivered through co-ordinated multi-disciplinary team working. The Community Services Transformation will provide further opportunities for improving delivery of CHC.
6. Health Select Committee members are invited to note the updated action plan set out in Appendix A .

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