

**Report of Head of Governance and Scrutiny Support**

**Report to West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: 8 October 2018**

**Subject: Specialist Stroke Care Programme – Update**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to introduce a report from the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership that provides an update on the Specialist Stroke Care Programme and its work to improve Specialist Stroke Services across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

**Background**

2. Improving Specialist Stroke Care Services forms part of the overall programme of work for the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (the Partnership).
3. At its meeting in July 2018, the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (the JHOSC) considered an update report on the Partnership's Specialist Stroke Care Programme.

**Summary of main issues**

4. At its previous meeting, the JHOSC discussed a range of matters, as outlined in the draft minutes included elsewhere on the agenda. For ease of reference, these matters including the following:
  - That the long-term future of the hyper-acute stroke unit at Harrogate Hospital remained in doubt, largely due to current and predicted patient numbers, potential patient safety matters and associated workforce issues.
  - Notwithstanding the issue regarding Harrogate Hospital, one of the main recommendations arising from the review was there should be no further reconfiguration proposals of hyper-acute stroke services across the geography of the Partnership

- Concern regarding the limited information presented in the written report submitted to the Joint Committee in advance of the meeting, with an over-reliance on a verbal report and update – which made it difficult for a range of stakeholders, including members of the Joint Committee and also interested members of the public not in attendance.
  - The development of any outline business cases and how these had been developed across the network, including links to social care providers.
  - Processes to engage and consult on the outline business case, due to be considered by the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups in September 2018.
  - Recognition of proposed configuration of services to provide equitable access to acute service response within 72 hours of an incident, with patients then moving to units nearer their home.
  - Measures, including GP training, would seek to identify and take a preventative approach with patients at a higher risk of experiencing a stroke, which would potentially reduce the number of acute service requests.
5. The JHOSC noted the intention to provide a more detailed update for consideration at its October 2018 and requested this should include specific details on the preventative aspects of the care pathway and how local authorities would support the care aspect of rehabilitation.
  6. The update report from the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership is appended to this report. The ‘You said, We did’ summary referenced in the attached report is also appended for ease of reference.
  7. Appropriate NHS representatives have been invited to the meeting to discuss the details presented and address questions from members of the JHOSC.

### **Recommendations**

8. That the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the details presented in this report and associated appendices and:
  - a. Considers the recommendations set out in the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership update report (Appendix 1);
  - b. Identifies and agrees any specific scrutiny actions and/or future activity.

### **Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

9. None.

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council’s website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.