

# Leeds Health & Wellbeing Board

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**Report of:** NHS England, Local Area Team

**Report to:** Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board

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**Subject:** NHS England: Partner Perspective and Call to Action

Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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## Summary of main issues

1. The NHS faces the combined challenges of our ageing society, a rise in long-term conditions, lifestyle risks among young people, and rising expectations. These, together with the increasing costs of providing care and limited financial resources, will require bold action if we are to sustain high quality affordable care.
2. The NHS England Call to Action seeks to engage all our partners in considering and responding to these challenges.
3. Health and wellbeing boards have a very important contribution to make to this.

## Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Support the NHS Call to Action and consider how it wishes to contribute to developing a long term strategy for health and care.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The report informs the Health and Wellbeing Board about NHS England's Call to Action and seeks the Board's involvement in responding to the challenges face by the NHS.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 The NHS Call to Action is a programme of engagement that will allow everyone to contribute to the debate about the future of health and care provision in England. Views, data and information will be used by clinical commissioning groups, NHS England and our partners to develop 3-5 year commissioning plans setting out our commitments to patients and how services will improve.
- 2.2 The purpose of the Call to Action is to initiate an honest and realistic debate about the future shape of the NHS in order to meet rising demand, introduce new technology and meet the expectations of its patients.
- 2.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the Call to Action, a copy of which is attached.

## **3 Main issues**

- 3.1 Every day the NHS saves lives and helps people to stay well. Over the decades since its inception huge improvements in diagnosis and treatment have been made, and many common causes of ill health and premature death have been resolved. However England still lags behind internationally in some areas, such as cancer survival rates. There is too much unwarranted variation in care across the country and persistent health inequalities.
- 3.2 Improving the current health and care system alone will not be sufficient for the future. There are a number of trends that threaten the sustainability of our health and care system: an ageing society, a rise in long-term conditions, lifestyle risks among young people, and rising expectations. Combined with the increasing costs of providing care and limited financial resources, these trends pose significant challenges.
- 3.3 Nearly two-thirds of the people admitted to hospital are over 65. Unplanned admissions of over 65s account for 70% of hospital bed days. People with one or more long term condition account for 70% of health and care expenditure and it is estimated that currently over 26,000 people in West Yorkshire have dementia. Leeds has some of the most densely populated and highest levels of deprivation in West Yorkshire.
- 3.4 Without major transformational change to how services are delivered, a free at the point of delivery health service may not be available to future generations. The Call to Action aims to build a common understanding of the challenges we face and to develop a shared vision for the future NHS. It gives people an opportunity to have their say. Ideas gathered and potential solutions will inform and enable

clinical commissioning groups, NHS England and our partners to develop 3-5 year commissioning plans and will inform the development of national plans for the next 5-10 years.

3.5 We hope that the Health and Wellbeing Board will contribute to the Call to Action. The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment provides valuable analysis, and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy provides a framework for some of the improvements and changes that will be needed. The work underway in Leeds, for example on the integration of health and care services, is advancing well. The long term strategy for the NHS needs to build upon all this existing action.

3.6 There are no predetermined solutions. Bold new thinking is needed and a wide range of potential options need to be considered however three options that are not for consideration are:

- Do nothing – as future challenges would not be met;
- Assume increased funding – as this would be unrealistic;
- Cut or charge for fundamental services or ‘privatisation’ – as this would contravene the values that underpin the NHS and the NHS Constitution.

## **4 Health and Wellbeing Board Governance**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

4.1.1 The Call to Action is seeking to engage as many people as possible.

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.2.1 The NHS belongs to all of us. This Call to Action is the opportunity for everyone who uses or works in the NHS to have their say on its future.

### **4.3 Resources and value for money**

4.3.1 None at present.

### **4.4 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.4.1 None at present.

### **4.5 Risk Management**

4.5.1 None at present

## **5 Conclusions**

5.1 The Call to Action provides a framework for considering the challenges facing the NHS.

## **6 Recommendations**

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\* The full NHS “A Call to Action” can be found at <http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/nhs-belongs.pdf>