

Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board



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Report of: West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

Report to: Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board

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Subject: West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership Update – a Memorandum of Understanding

Are specific geographical areas affected? If relevant, name(s) of area(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

Summary of main issues

In October 2017 the joint senior management of the organisations in the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WYH HCP) proposed that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be developed to formalise working arrangements and support for the next stage of the Partnership's development.

A working group from across NHS and Local Government have worked to draft the language of the MoU and significant negotiations have taken place between partners and sectors to achieve a consensus on the proposed draft pending final agreement – so that it best reflects the ambitions and realities of all partners involved.

The MoU is proposed as a formal agreement between WYH health and care partners which includes many of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board members. The proposed MoU is not a legal contract but it is a formal agreement to continue working together in partnership to deliver better health and care outcomes across the WYH area.

Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- Consider the text of the Memorandum of Understanding that will be issued as a supplementary appendix.
- Make a recommendation to Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board members on whether to sign up to the spirit and letter contained in the Memorandum of Understanding.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To outline that a Memorandum of Understanding has been developed and will be shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to the meeting.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Leeds has been part of the WYH HCP since its inception as a Sustainability and Transformation Plan in March 2016.
- 2.2 In May 2018, WYH HCP was one of four areas to be invited to part of the Integrated Care System (ICS) development programme. Being a Shadow ICS is about helping the partnership to develop the sophistication of process and relationships that means, in future, the partnership itself will be able to take on some powers and budgets from national bodies. This would mean that decisions about investment in health and care can be taken more locally by those with a closer relationship to the impact of the funds and decisions. Additional funding has already been secured for 2018/19 and a further two years funding is likely.
- 2.3 In Leeds, the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-2021 continues to guide our efforts to improve the health and care system – it has ambitious goals for Leeds to be the Best City for Health and Wellbeing and to improve the health of the poorest the fastest. These principles guide our involvement in the West Yorkshire Partnership and our engagement with central government and NHS England.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 In October 2017 the joint senior management of the organisations in the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WYH HCP) proposed that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) should be developed to formalise working arrangements and support for the next stage of the Partnership's development.
- 3.2 The MoU is pitched as a formal agreement between WYH health and care partners. A working group from across NHS and Local Government have worked to draft the language of the MoU and significant negotiations have taken place between partners and sectors to achieve a consensus on the proposed draft pending final agreement – so that it best reflects the ambitions and realities of all partners involved.
- 3.3 In order for all signatory partners to have had a full opportunity to comment on the draft text – the final version of the Draft Memorandum of Understanding will not be publically circulated until after the 31st August.
- 3.4 We will publish the Memorandum of Understanding as a supplementary appendix as soon as possible and paper copies will be available at the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

4 Health and Wellbeing Board governance

- 4.1 **Consultation, engagement and hearing citizen voice**

- 4.1.1 At this stage there are no consultation, engagement of hearing citizen voice implications for the Health and Wellbeing Board specifically relating to the MoU. Following the founding principle of the WYH HCP – it is up to each individual member to engage with their own stakeholders and constituencies and advocate for them in the Partnership arena.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

- 4.2.1 At this stage there are no equality, diversity or cohesion and integration implications for the Health and Wellbeing Board specifically relating to the MoU.

4.3 Resources and value for money

- 4.3.1 At this stage there resources and value for money implications for the Health and Wellbeing Board specifically relating to the MoU – as this responsibility is held with each of the organisational signatories.

4.4 Legal Implications, access to information and call In

- 4.4.1 At this stage there are no legal, access to information or call in implications specifically relating to the MoU.

4.5 Risk management

- 4.5.1 At this stage there are no significant risk implications for the Health and Wellbeing Board specifically relating to the MoU. Individual signatories are expected to manage their risks according.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The MoU has been drafted over a number of months by partners, including many of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Board members, to try and describe the robust and collaborative set of arrangements for deliver our aspirations for health and care across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

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7 Background documents

None.

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Implementing the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21

How does this help reduce health inequalities in Leeds?

The aspiration of the MoU would be to achieve this through the agreement of signatories that a key focus on working in partnership is to reduce inequalities and through partners working more closely together, provide the opportunity to target greater resources and support to improving the health of the poorest fastest.

How does this help create a high quality health and care system?

The aspiration of the MoU would be to achieve this through establishing a robust partner agreement that commits partners to working and behaving more like a single high quality system.

How does this help to have a financially sustainable health and care system?

The aspiration of the MoU would be to achieve this through establishing a robust partner agreement that commits partners to working together and behaving more like a single high quality system – the opportunities to develop mutual accountability, reduce duplication and attract greater resources to the system.

Future challenges or opportunities

The intention in the development of the MoU is a significant step forward towards partners meeting their joint ambition of a truly integrated and world class system, however delivering on that promise will continue to require significant effort and capacity from every partner in the system.

Priorities of the Leeds Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21

A Child Friendly City and the best start in life	X
An Age Friendly City where people age well	X
Strong, engaged and well-connected communities	X
Housing and the environment enable all people of Leeds to be healthy	X
A strong economy with quality, local jobs	X
Get more people, more physically active, more often	X
Maximise the benefits of information and technology	X
A stronger focus on prevention	X
Support self-care, with more people managing their own conditions	X
Promote mental and physical health equally	X
A valued, well trained and supported workforce	X
The best care, in the right place, at the right time	X