

WEST BERKSHIRE HEALTH AND WELL BEING BOARD

Briefing; West Berkshire Locality Integrated Care Steering Group

Background

In September 2012, the shadow Health and Well Being Board established a task and finish group to look at the high levels of Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) attributable to the West Berkshire health and social care economy in both NHS Acute Trusts and West Berkshire Community Hospital. The task group's aim was to identify potential solutions to the challenges faced by the DTOCs and the increasing demand in the face of decreasing resources through more effective partnership working.

Following a period of review and analysis the following key issues were identified:

- A shared system of leadership and partnership working
- Streamlining Intermediate Care services including hospital discharge and admission avoidance processes
- NHS Continuing Health Care
- Use of West Berkshire Community Hospital
- End of Life Care pathway
- Information; Capacity and Demand modelling

The task group reported back to the March Interim Health and Well Being Board with evidence of a significant reduction in DTOC across all hospitals but the need for a programme of work to progress integrated working both in commissioning and service provision.

Integrated Care Steering Group

Draft Terms of Reference have been drawn up for Board approval to progress any opportunities to integrate health and social care activity whilst also monitoring the DTOCs as one indicator of the health and social care economy in West Berkshire. The proposal is for this group to be accountable to the H&WB Board and to progress a range of initiatives that will deliver cost effective, improved outcomes for the individual and a more efficient and seamless service.

The areas identified include the key issues listed above except for NHS Continuing Healthcare, the subject of a separate Berkshire wide implementation group and the Information, Capacity and Demand modelling, where work has been commissioned across West of Berkshire through Capita, with a final report out May 2013 which will inform the work locally.

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