

Title of Report:	Health & Social Care - Alignment of Commissioning Plans
Report to be considered by:	The Health and Wellbeing Board
Date of Meeting:	22 January 2015

Purpose of Report: To inform Health and Wellbeing Board about progress on alignment of commissioning plans for Health & Social Care Partners

Recommended Action: N/A

<i>When decisions of the Health and Wellbeing Board impact on the finances or general operation of the Council, recommendations of the Board must be referred up to the Executive for final determination and decision.</i>		
Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council's Executive for final determination?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes		Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:				
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outcome Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality. In this instance please give details of how the item impacts upon the equality streams under the executive report section as outlined.				

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act (2012) introduced a requirement for Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) to provide a forum for System Leaders to take a strategic approach to promote integration across health and social care throughout their locality.
- 1.2 Their primary responsibility is to produce Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs) to identify the current and future health and social care needs of the local community, which feeds into a Health and Wellbeing Strategy (HWS) setting out priorities for local commissioning.
- 1.3 The intention is that the Local authority, CCG and NHS England commissioning plans should then be informed by these documents.

2. Current Progress

- 2.1 Initial work of the West Berkshire HWB has focused on the development of a new Health and Wellbeing Strategy; which has identified a number of key priorities. The strategy and the identified priorities are subject to consultation; once finalised this should inform future commissioning across the system.
- 2.2 Service commissioning has continued throughout this period on the basis of the individual requirements of each partner organisation. There has been some joint commissioning e.g. Carer Services or the Berkshire Community Equipment Service. These examples are limited, and recent work around voluntary sector commissioning has shown that there is some duplication with different partners funding organisations for broadly similar services.
- 2.3 This disparate approach could mean that we have not had the opportunity to consider what more could be achieved through commissioning on a partnership basis. Therefore it is now proposed that work is undertaken to map commissioning arrangements across the partners to establish a detailed understanding of what is already in place.
- 2.4 Some initial work has been completed. The table at Appendix A shows services under three main areas – those historically commissioned on a joint basis, those that we are planning to through the Better Care Fund and other areas where there are synergies that mean we may want to.
- 2.5 We need to look at this in greater detail and therefore further work has to be completed that will confirm timeframes and existing priorities across the local Health and Social Care system. It should reveal gaps, opportunities and challenges which will allow the board to make an informed decision about future commissioning arrangements.
- 2.6 It is proposed that the outcome of this more detail work is brought to HWB in March 2015.

3. Equalities

- 3.1 This item is setting out proposals for Health and Social Care partners to align commissioning plans to enable a strategic approach to commissioning. Any future commissioning plans would be subject to a full EIA.

Appendices

Appendix A – Commissioning Alignment

Consultees

Local Stakeholders:

Officers Consulted: Shairoz Claridge, Operations Director, N&DCCG
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Other: