

Health Scrutiny Committee (sub-committee of the People Scrutiny Commission)



11th March 2020

Report of: NHS Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire CCG

Title: Update on the mobilisation and service transfer of the adult community contract

Ward: n/a

Officer Presenting Report: Lisa Manson, Director of Commissioning

Recommendations:

That Health Scrutiny Committee note the report and progress relating to the mobilisation of Community Health Services and the transfer of Specialist Community Paediatrics and Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Services to Sirona care & health.

The significant issues in the report are:

This paper provides an update to Health Scrutiny Committee on the mobilisation of the adult community contract and service transfers for stranded services as a result of the outcome of the procurement and notice by incumbent providers to cease providing these services from 31 March 2020, including the notice by Weston Area Health Trust to stop providing Specialist Community Paediatrics and Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Services from 31 March 2020

1. Summary

This paper is to provide an update on progress made by the CCG following the award of the new Adult Community Services contract and transfer of stranded services as a result of the procurement and decisions made by incumbents to cease trading or serving notice on existing contracts. For the full report please refer to Appendix 1 Main report to BNSSG CCG Governing Body Meeting on 3rd March 2020.

2. Context

As a result of Sirona care & health being awarded the Adult Community Health Services contract in September 2019, North Somerset Community Partnership (NSCP) and Bristol Community Health (BCH) as incumbent providers have decided to cease trading as of the 31 March 2020 and served notice on a number of their remaining contracts. This has resulted in a number of stranded services that were originally provided by the incumbents but were not part of the adult community services procurement as they related to services provided to children or other adult services. This included musculoskeletal services, podiatry, bladder and bowel services. In addition there were some services providing support for adults and children with Personal Health Budgets (Partner2Care). It was agreed that these services would be transferred to Sirona on the basis that they related to small amounts of activity and were provided by staff within the adult services teams.

As a result of Weston Area Health Trust (WAHT) serving notice on delivering Community Paediatrics and Children's and Adolescent Mental Health Services the BNSSG CCG Strategic Finance Committee agreed on 1 November 2019 to support the transfer of the North Somerset Children's services into the existing Community Children's Health Partnership (CCHP) contract.

These services will transfer on 1 April 2020 to Sirona care & health as lead provider under a variation to the existing CCHP contract to support the safe and effective transfer of North Somerset children's services and allow the provider to improve service resilience and quality going forward under one prime provider, ensuring a consistent approach and model of care for Children's services across BNSSG. The CAMHS element of the service will be subcontracted to AWP.

The CCHP contract was awarded in 2016 following procurement and sees Sirona already provide specialist children's community services in Bristol and South Gloucestershire. It is noteworthy that this contract also retained the flexibility to include North Somerset's children's services at a later date. The benefit of transferring under the CCHP contract provides us the opportunity for us to integrate children's services across BNSSG and ensure a consistent offer for our whole population. The CAMHS element for North Somerset will be subcontracted to Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust (AWP) mirroring the arrangements already in place for South Gloucestershire and Bristol

3. Policy

Not applicable

4. Consultation

a) Internal

There is no requirement for formal consultation by the CCG and communications and engagement are constantly under review to ensure the successful safe transfer of services and the engagement of all stakeholders in the process. This includes a partnership group within the mobilisation structure and shared communications from all incumbents to staff and patients and carers during the transition.

b) External

Incumbent providers have been notifying patients about the change of services, as part of their responsibility concerning records and data transfer. This is additionally being updated on Remedy and communications plan for all stakeholders across BNSSG for all services in place and being followed.

3. Public Sector Equality Duties

- 3a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following “protected characteristics”: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:
- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
 - ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
 - iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

3b) BNSSG CCG will undertake full EIA and QIA screening for all services where there will be a service change is being undertaken by Sirona care & health to ensure there is a consideration of equality and diversity issues and is reviewed by the mobilisation group and subgroups for each area of work

Appendices:

Appendix 1 Main report to BNSSG CCG Governing Body Meeting on 3rd March 2020.



Appendix 1
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers:

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