

Report of the Strategic Director Adult and Community Services to the meeting of the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board to be held on 18th October 2011.

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Subject: The Journey to Integration

A shared vision and commitment to the integration of health and social care in Bradford and Airedale.

Summary statement:

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Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Social Care OSC and Health OSC



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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Bill to Parliament recommended changes to the health and social care system. In order to achieve these changes and improve outcomes for users and patients representatives from the sector developed a shared vision to enable organisations to begin discussions with staff at all levels of the organisations in readiness for change in the future.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Government set out its proposals for modernising the NHS in a White Paper, Equity and excellence: Liberating the NHS. The paper strengthened the role for local councils in helping join up the NHS with Social Care.
- 2.2 A listening exercise conducted in the summer by NHS Future Forum, whilst put forward changes that will require legislation, didn't change the direction of travel for the integration of health and social care.
- 2.3 A sub group of the Transitions and Integration Group (TIG) with representatives from across the health and social care organisations was set up to develop 'The Journey to Integration' as a tool to use with staff across the sector.
- 2.4 The document is to demonstrate the commitment at a high level across the sector to integration and improving outcomes for the citizens of Bradford and Airedale.
- 2.5 It covers the vision for integration, the functions, why we are committed to integration, the principles, what needs to change at a high level, examples of integration so far and the timeline going forward.
- 2.6 The document is intended to be built upon with a series of fact sheets starting with the six work streams already identified as taking us forward. These are integrated commissioning, intermediate care plus, acute care pathways, children's services, voluntary sector partnerships and integrated infrastructure.
- 2.7 The Journey to Integration was drafted then tested in management teams across the sector and a final draft was then consulted with staff. The outcome of these consultations were incorporated into this final version.

3. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION (if relevant)

- 3.1 Health OSC and Social Care OSC have set up a working group to explore the integration agenda further as part of their 2011/12 work programmes. The Journey to Integration was used in the first meeting as a starting point to aid discussion. Further meetings are set up and will report back into these committees later in the year.

4. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Public Health is also due to transfer to Local Authorities from April 2013. The HWBB will want to consider this in conjunction with the journey to integration.

5. OPTIONS

5.1

6. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

6.1 The shared vision and commitment to integration recognises that to be successful greater transparency across the health and social care economy is needed to gain efficiencies whilst improving outcomes for local people.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 None

8. LEGAL APPRAISAL

8.1 Legal issues will arise as a result of integration but not as a result of the document presented today to members of the HWBB.

9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

9.1.1 Equality Impact Assessments will form part of the work going forward.

9.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

9.2.1 No sustainability implications as a result of this document.

9.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

9.3.1 None

9.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9.4.1 None

9.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

9.5.1 None

9.6 TRADE UNION

9.6.1 None as a result of this document.

9.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

9.7.1 None

10. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

10.1 None

11. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 Members of the HWBB note the work on developing 'The Journey to integration'
- 11.2 Members endorse the use of the document internally with staff as part of the preparations for integration including the signatories.

12. APPENDICES

- 12.1 The Journey to Integration – A shared vision and commitment to the integration of health and social care in Bradford and Airedale.

13. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 13.1 None