

Cabinet

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Review of Section 75 Partnership Agreement for the provision of integrated mental health services between Warwickshire County Council and Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust

Recommendations

That Cabinet:

- 1) Agrees to a further Partnership Agreement between Warwickshire County Council **and Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust** for the provision of integrated community mental health and social care services for a term of 3 years from 1st April 2019,
- 2) Authorises the Strategic Director, People Group, to enter into the Agreement on terms and conditions acceptable to him and the Joint Managing Director (Resources),
- 3) Expects that the partnership arrangements will be subject to a review at least one year prior to expiry of the Agreement.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Warwickshire County Council (the Council) and Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust (the Trust) have provided integrated community mental health and social care services under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 since 2010. The arrangements involve the delegation of specified statutory social care functions to be delivered by the Trust and the secondment of Council staff to the Trust. These are described in schedules 4 and 8 respectively of the proposed Agreement.
- 1.2 Coventry City Council has had a similar arrangement, which has aligned governance arrangements, with the Trust since 2011.
- 1.3 The overall responsibility for the day to day management of the integrated community mental health service rests with the Trust's Associate Director for Mental Health Services. The council retains a Mental Health Management Team directly accountable to the Council which provides social care management and professional support to seconded social care employees and Trust managers delivering social care responsibilities. The operation of

the Partnership is overseen by the Section 75 Strategic Board which has representatives from both the Council and the Trust.

2.0 Review of the existing Partnership Agreement

- 2.1 A detailed review of the Section 75 Partnership Agreement was undertaken in 2017. The purpose of the review was to consider whether the Partnership Agreement should be renewed for a further period and to identify any changes required to improve integrated working, service delivery and alignment with strategic requirements at national and local levels.
- 2.2 The review concluded that there remained a strong commitment from managers and staff to a multi-disciplinary approach to providing health and social care in mental health services and that the service delivery model supported by a formal Section 75 Partnership Agreement continued to provide a more streamlined integrated service to customers and carers than alternative models of co-located services or separately delivered services.
- 2.3 The outcome of the review was reported to Cabinet on 15 February 2018 and Cabinet authorised an extension of the Agreement for one year to develop and implement an action plan to improve integrated working and to update the Partnership Agreement and its schedules.

3. Action plan outcomes

- 3.1 An action plan was developed taking account of the review outcomes and has been implemented by both partners.
- 3.2 The governance of the Partnership arrangements at a strategic and operational level has been strengthened and reflected in the Agreement.
- 3.3 The Section 75 Strategic Board membership has been reviewed and updated. In addition the Strategic Board now includes the Council's Principal Social Worker and Trust's General Manager responsible for the Crisis Home Treatment Teams in addition to the General Manager for Community Mental Health Services.
- 3.4 A Safeguarding Sub Group now formally reports to the Section 75 Strategic Board.
- 3.5 The Agreement and schedules have been revised to reflect the chief social worker for adults' definition of the role of the social worker in mental health services and that work should be allocated accordingly.
- 3.6 The performance scorecard is in the process of being updated to include outcome measures and measures that will enable strategic and operational managers to better assure themselves that the aims and objectives in the

Agreement are being delivered. These will also be updated to include national mental health social care outcome measures when available. The Partnership Agreement enables the performance scorecard to be updated and approved by the Section 75 Strategic Board when required.

3.7 Quality audits have been agreed and will provide the Section 75 Strategic Board with additional measures of how well the social care service is being delivered from within the integrated service.

3.8 The Section 75 Performance and Operations Sub Group will provide the Section 75 Strategic Board with a quarterly report detailing progress against key performance indicators contained in the agreed performance scorecard. The quarterly report will also include information from the agreed quality audits that have been undertaken and will be accompanied by an improvement plan if required.

4.0 Termination

4.1 Termination is covered in the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement.

4.2 Either Partner may terminate the Agreement by giving 6 months written Notice of Termination to the other Partner. This is deemed adequate by both partners to prepare alternative arrangements.

4.3 In the event of breach or unsatisfactory performance, or if other events detailed in the Agreement arise, either Partner may give immediate or a shorter period of notice.

5. Proposal

5.1 The Cabinet is asked to agree to a renewed Partnership Agreement under Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006 to provide integrated community mental health and social care services for a period of 3 years from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2022.

5.2 The Agreement is made up of the main Terms and Conditions which sets out the legal framework and the nature and terms of the partnership and a number of schedules which define the main objectives, resource management, governance and key operational arrangements.

5.3 The financial framework described in the Agreement remains the same with no transfer of Council financial resources to the Trust and there are no financial implications associated with a renewed agreement.

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