

Health and Well-Being Board

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Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework Action Plan 2015-2016

Recommendation

Health and Well-being Board endorse and support implementation of Warwickshire's Joint Health and Social Care Assessment Improvement Plan.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Learning Disability Health Self-Assessment started being used in England in 2007/2008. It has become an important guide for the NHS and Local Authorities. It has helped them to recognise the overall needs, experience and wishes of young people and adults with learning disabilities and their carers. This has made it easier to bring these perspectives into the tasks of determining local commissioning priorities and monitoring services.
- 1.2 The Learning Disability Health Self-Assessment has helped to improve services for people with a learning disability in many parts of the country by raising awareness of their health needs, supporting the case for increased health and local authority resources and improving inter-agency co-operation and co-ordination. However, the events at Winterbourne View, and subsequent investigations, have demonstrated there is still much to be done. As a result of this, the signatories to Transforming Care and the Winterbourne Concordat agreed to implement a joint health and social care self-assessment framework.
- 1.3 The Joint Health and Social Care Learning Disability Self-Assessment Framework (JHSCSAF) has been drafted collaboratively by learning disability specialists from the former Strategic Health Authority, the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS), NHS England and members of the Winterbourne View Joint Improvement Programme Board. Intended to support all commissioners (Local Authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS England) this jointly-created tool offers a robust and consistent framework to document a shared perspective of the services available across the full spectrum of health and social care in all local areas across the country. The JHSCSAF is an annual process and whilst not mandated it is seen as best practice to support the health and social care system to deliver their statutory responsibilities.

- 1.4 Consequently, the JHSCSAF improvement plan is designed to ensure a targeted approach to improving health inequalities and achieving equal and fulfilling citizenship. It is intended to help commissioners and local people assess how well people with a learning disability are supported to stay healthy, be safe and live well and to take action to deliver improvements.

2. Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment 2013/14

- 2.1 In December 2014 Warwickshire County Council collated and submitted the results of the Joint Health and Social Care Assessment Framework on behalf of health and social care commissioners. The joint assessment had three overarching themes - **Stay Healthy, Be Safe and Live Well**. The information collated was then RAG rated in accordance with specific outcome measures.
- 2.2 The agencies that contributed towards the self-assessment: Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire North CCG, Coventry and Rugby CCG, South Warwickshire CCG, Arden Gem Commissioning Support Unit and Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership Trust were required to produce an improvement plan for the red and amber areas. In response a multi-agency improvement action plan has been devised to support progress towards achieving a green rating.

3. Joint Health and Social Care Self-Assessment Framework Action Plan 2015-2016

- 3.1 The action plan (attached) identifies what needs to be done to support progress towards achieving a green status. It also identifies the lead agency that is required to take responsibility for driving forward each action.
- 3.2 Warwickshire County Council have conducted engagement and consultation sessions with customers, carers, providers and key stakeholders regarding the RAG Rating and Improvement Plan. Learning Disability representatives from Warwickshire's Learning Disability Partnership Board also attended the Regional Peer Validation Event held in February 2015.
- 3.4 It is anticipated that a time limited steering group will be formed to agree ownership of the specific domains within the improvement action plan. There will be representation from key stakeholders from within the local authority and CCG's. This will be undertaken in conjunction with Coventry City Council as we share common stakeholders and have some shared challenges. Each section within the plan will have a nominated lead from either the local authority or CCG's. Each lead will be required to produce a detailed action plan with clear milestones to monitor progress.
- 3.5 In addition to this, a small working party reporting to the Learning Disability Partnership Board will meet bi-monthly to oversee and drive through the actions required. The progress towards achieving the milestones will be

reported to the Learning Disability Partnership Board at every meeting. Progress reports will be provided to the Health and Well-being Board.

4. Priority Areas

- 4.1 The action plan highlights the key focus areas for improvement this year. These include:
- The need for robust health data collection systems to ensure inequalities are highlighted and consequently addressed. This is a national as well as local issue.
 - The need to support Primary Care to deliver annual health checks and health action plans.
 - The provision of advice, training and education regarding maintaining healthy lifestyles.
 - Increasing the uptake of national screening programmes and addressing the significant inequalities in access to mainstream screening services experienced by people with a learning disability in Warwickshire.
 - Ensuring robust quality assurance mechanisms are in place to audit and scrutinise the quality of provision on both an individual and organisational level across social care and health.
 - A focus on employment – this is also a key action within the Learning Disability Statement of Intent 2015-2020. People with a learning disability have stated loud and clear, during the engagement period, that they want better job opportunities.
- 4.2 The improvement action plan impacts all parties and will require actions from the CCG particularly in relation to primary care providers.
- 4.3 It is important to recognise and acknowledge that some of the actions required to progress the JHSCSAF need support and action on a national level. This has been raised with the National Learning Disability Public Health Observatory and Improving Health & Lives (IHaL). These issues have consistently not achieved a green rag rating nationally;
- Section A Staying Healthy – LD Registers, Annual Health Checks and Health Action Plans – whilst they are recognised as good practice primary care are not mandated to undertake this. GP Practices choose via the Directed Enhanced Service they sign up to on an annual basis.
 - Section A – Electronic Flagging System – this is a health system that will identify if an individual has a learning disability and therefore may require reasonable adjustments. Again whilst this is recognised as good practice in primary and secondary care there are no robust systems nationally or locally. Actions to overcome data protection and consent issues have been implemented across the region.
- 4.4 The JHSCSAF and action plan is directly linked to the new Joint Adult Learning Disability Statement of Intent, 'It's My Life' 2015-2020. The Statement of Intent has been subject to extensive stakeholder engagement and there has been overwhelming support of the commissioning intentions detailed within the plan. It is currently progressing through the governance

arrangements of CCG's and will be considered for approval by Warwickshire County Council Cabinet on 16th July 2015.

- 4.5 The JHSCSAF, Joint Learning Disability Statement of Intent, Coventry and Warwickshire's local response to Winterbourne View Hospital (joint plan) and Arden's Transforming Care Fast Track status all highlight the need to progress integrating working across health and social care to more effectively meet the needs of people with a learning disability in Warwickshire. The Statement of Intent and joint plan reinforce the need to actively progress joint and collaborative assessment and care management and commissioning arrangements for this population; with a strong presumption nationally that this will undertaken through pooled budgets.

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 The aim of this framework is to provide a single, consistent way of identifying the challenges in meeting the needs of people with learning disabilities, and documenting the extent to which the shared goals of providing quality care and support are met.
- 5.2 Locally, this will help Learning Disability Partnership Boards, Health and Wellbeing Boards, CCGs and Local Authorities identify the priorities, levers and opportunities to improve care and tackle health and social care inequalities in their areas. It should also provide a sound evidence base against which to monitor progress.

Background Papers

Winterbourne View Final Report Annex B (WBV)
 Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework 2013-14 (ASCOF)
 Public Health Outcomes Framework 2013-2016 (PHOF)
 The Health Equalities Framework (HEF) - An outcomes framework based on the determinants of health inequalities (HEF)
 National Health Service Outcomes Framework 2013-14 (NHSOF)

There are numerous reports on the Improving Health and Lives (IHAL) website about the health and wellbeing of people with learning disabilities.

IHAL: <http://www.improvinghealthandlives.org.uk/publications/year/2011>

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