

# Briefing note

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To: Warwickshire Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Subject: Coventry and Warwickshire All Age Palliative and End of Life Care (PEoLC) Strategy 2023-2028 – Update

## 1 Purpose of the Note

1.1 The Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System is developing a joint all age strategy for Palliative End of Life Care (PEoLC). This is a joint five-year strategy which is owned by the following organisations:

- Coventry City Council (CCC)
- NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (CWICB)
- Warwickshire County Council (WCC)

1.2 The purpose of this note is to update colleagues regarding the PEoLC strategy and its delivery plan and to seek formal support for the PEoLC strategy on behalf of Warwickshire County Council for launch in January 2024.

## 2 Recommendations

2.1 Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board are requested to:

- (i) Support the final version of the 5-year PEoLC ICS strategy.
- (ii) Support final version of 2-year delivery plan for the strategy

## 3 Information/Background

3.1 Palliative and end of life care will impact on all of us at differing points throughout our lives.

3.2 More than half a million people are expected to die each year in the UK, and many live with a life expectancy of less than a year at any one time. This is set to increase with a growing older population, so more people are expected to die at an older age. This gives us an opportunity to plan and consider people's wishes and preferences for their end-of-life care and treatment.

3.3 Approximately 9,000 people died in Coventry and Warwickshire in 2021. Each year, most deaths are in the adult age group though there are a small number of children and young people who pass away.

3.4 Within our system 45% of deaths took place in hospital, 30% at home, 20% in care homes and 4% in hospices.

3.5 The Strategy development is based on the National Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care. There are 6 National ambitions:



- 3.6 The delivery of the PEOLC Strategy will support the ICS partnership organisations to ensure PEOLC is prioritised and equitable across the system
- 3.7 Co-production has been central to the development of the draft strategy and has been achieved via:
- Focus group with carers
  - Patient case studies
  - Out-reach to systemwide patient participation groups re: PEOLC
  - Surveys
- 3.8 Workforce co-production has been undertaken through a systemwide workshop and a PEOLC survey of health care professionals, along with input from Clinical Leads and members of the Coventry and Warwickshire PEOLC Partnership Board.
- 3.9 This work has already raised the profile of PEOLC within organisations and with some of our people. Wider systemwide engagement and linking through to our under-served communities took place in June -July 2023 and continues.
- 3.10 5 identified over-arching priorities have been identified for Palliative and End of Life Care for Coventry and Warwickshire:
1. Provide information which focuses on identification, early intervention and support for people with palliative and end of life care needs.
  2. Access to timely palliative and end of life care with support throughout, for all of our diverse communities.
  3. Support people diagnosed with a life limiting condition and those who matter to them, carers and communities.
  4. Improve the quality of personalised care and support planning for people with palliative care needs, including planning for the end of life, through education and training for all.
  5. Deliver a sustainable system of integrated palliative and end of life care
- 3.11 A delivery plan for the first 2 years of the strategy has been developed with clear areas of focus, workstreams, outcomes, measurables and responsible organisations has been developed to support the strategy. A further 3 year delivery plan will be developed from late 2024 for the final years of the strategy.
- 3.12 The development of a co-production approach to engagement was commenced through building links with our community partners. Working across Coventry and Warwickshire our aim has been and will continue to be, the building of strong links with our diverse communities in order to develop a co-production approach to the development of PEOLC services across the system. Engagement with the Cultural Inclusion Network, Coventry Community Messengers and Healthwatch have been undertaken and will continue to enable co-

production. Links have also been made to other strategy engagements, e.g. Carer's Strategy to develop a joint approach to approaching impacted groups.

- 3.13 Work has been on-going with our system stakeholders across health, social care, independent and third sector providers to understand the challenges and ways in which the system is working well in order to ensure improvements can be developed in the most effective and efficient ways in tandem to aligning programmes of work.

#### **4 Next Steps**

Approval of the Strategy through the relevant governance processes for a launch in January 2024 with accompanying EQIA and Delivery Plan.

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**End of Report**