

NEXT STAGE REVIEW: OUR VISION FOR PRIMARY AND COMMUNITY CARE

1. Introduction

The newsletter summarises key areas of action arising from the paper NHS Next stage review: Our Vision for Primary and Community Care, published by the Department of Health in July this year.

This briefing identifies each of the key areas for action, where there is work in progress in BENPCT and our lead officer.

2. Leading Local Change

2.1 Introducing WCC for primary and community care.

- Framework document on commissioning in relation to primary care and community services; together with an initial practical guide to commissioning GP services.
- Primary Care Strategy/GP Strategy in preparation for discussion October
- Specification for Equitable Access Practices in draft.

Lead Officer: Donna Macarthur

2.2 Development of Practice Based Commissioning (PBC)

- Paper in preparation on phase II PBC
- CDs in post, lead localities and lead on NSR area identified.

Lead Officer: Andrew Donald

2.3 Integrated Care Pilots

A number of integrated care pilots to test new ways of commissioning more integrated delivery of services across primary, community, acute and social care

- We have delivered a range of redesign activity which integrates care across our speciality areas.
- Have been invited to be a pilot – need to decide whether to engage but will be undertaking a range of development activity.

Lead Officer: Andrew Donald

3. People Shaping Services

3.1 Listening and responding to patient views.

The Strategy emphasises the importance of both PCTs and providers developing new, innovative models of patient engagement.

- Have secured partner for Programme Relationship Intelligence Metrics and Equality.
- Baseline work underway to profile local population and establish more effective means of communication and engagement.

Lead Officer: Louise Pritchard

3.2 Informed choices for patients

Action at local level to expand the range of choices available to the public, provide incentives for providers that wish to expand their services and publicise the range of services available for local communities.

- Reviewing information available to patients on local practices
- Need to develop information packs and advice through registration team
- Increase capacity through extended access and new practices.

Lead Officer: Donna Macarthur

3.3 More control for people with long-term conditions

Everyone with a long-term condition will be offered their own personalised care plan, totalling around 15 million people. Named lead professionals will help ensure that plans and services are tailored to support those with the most complex care needs.

- BOH phase II launched 16th September
- Redesign work has emphasised self care and support.

Lead Officer: Richard Mendelsohn

3.4 Personal care budgets

NSR papers piloting personal health budgets as a way of giving patients greater control over the services they receive and the providers from which they receive services.

- Identified this is workstream through BHWP Executive.
- Lead officer: Glynnis Hovell, BCC

4. Promoting Healthy Lives

4.1 Vascular Risk Assessment

NSR proposes launch of a national programme of vascular risk assessment for patients aged 40-74, which will be undertaken in a variety of settings to address health inequalities.

- MLE screening programme will be developed and mainstreamed to meet requirements building in learning from last 2 years.

Lead Officer: Nicola Bengé

4.2 Fit for Work Service

Dame Carol Black's review of the health of Britain's working age population makes a range of proposals include a new "Fit for Work" services. The NSR papers identify pilot sites via an open application process.

- BEN PCT has been instrumental in developing the Health and Work programme as a joint initiative between BHWP and Birmingham Economic Development Partnership.

Lead Officer: Richard Mendelsohn

4.3 Reducing health inequalities

NSR makes proposals for a new enhanced service for annual health checks for people with learning disabilities on local authority registers.

- BEN PCT is the lead health commissioner for Learning Disabilities in Birmingham and is in the process of developing integrated commissioning with Birmingham City Council. This requirement will be reflected in service specifications.

Lead Officer: Tony Ruffell

5. Continuously Improving Quality

5.1 Transforming community health services

A wide-ranging programme to strengthen the role of community health services in promoting health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities.

- Range of activity underway to ensure contestability and service excellence in directly provided services.

Lead Officer: Marie Moore

5.2 Registration and accreditation of primary care practices

- Developing the new specification for General Practice will anticipate and reinforce emerging regulation framework.

Lead Officer: Donna Macarthur