

REPORT TO THE SENIOR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP

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CQC Local System Reviews

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Care Quality Commission (CQC) Local System Reviews

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform Senior Strategic Development Group members of the recent introduction of targeted CQC Local System Reviews focused on the interface between health and social care.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Senior Strategic Development Group members are asked to:-

- Note the introduction of targeted CQC Local System Reviews.
- Ensure that in the event of Barnsley being selected for a Review all necessary support is prioritised and provided to ensure we achieve the best possible outcome from the local system review.

3. Introduction/ Background

3.1 Following the Spring Budget announcement of additional funding for adult social care for the purposes of meeting adult social care needs; reducing pressures on the NHS including supporting more people to be discharged from hospital when they are ready; and ensuring that the local social care provider market is supported, and continued concerns about the level of delayed discharges, the Secretaries of State for Health and for Communities and Local Government have, under Section 48 of the Health and Social Care Act 2008, asked CQC to undertake a programme of Local System Reviews in selected local authority areas. These reviews will be focused on the interface of health and social care.

3.2 The reviews will look specifically at how people move between health and social care, including delayed transfers of care, with a particular focus on people over 65 years old.

- 3.3 The reviews are part of a package of measures aimed at addressing the challenges of delayed transfers of care which include publication of NHS, LGA and ADASS guidance on trusted assessors, a performance dashboard showing how local areas in England are performing against metrics across the NHS – social care interface, plans for local government to deliver an equal share to the NHS of the expectation to free up 2,500 hospital beds including indicative reduction levels required by each local authority and local NHS partners and, in November 2017, a possible review of 2018/19 additional social care funding allocations for areas that are performing poorly.
- 3.4 A comprehensive national sector-led support offer is being put in place to help local systems reduce delayed transfers of care.
- 3.5 The first wave of reviews are focussing on the 12 most ‘challenged’ areas, based on performance against the new NHS – social care interface dashboard. They are: Oxfordshire, Birmingham, East Sussex, York, Coventry, Plymouth, Hartlepool, Bracknell Forest, Manchester, Halton, Trafford and Stoke-on-Trent.
- 3.6 The purpose of the reviews is to “better understand the pressures and challenges and identify any areas for improvements in the provision of health and social care within a local system, so that people using services are provided with safe, timely and high quality care” (Secretary of State for Health). The review process will take 10-14 weeks to complete and all 12 of the first wave are to be completed by end of November. The review will be carried out along the 5 key lines of enquiry that CQC use for all inspections, with a focus on whether the system is “well led”. Findings from the reviews will be reported to the local area Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 3.7 The Secretary of State for Health has signalled a further 8 local areas will be selected for reviews between February and April 2018 and that these may include 2 stronger performing areas to allow CQC to draw out good practice lessons. Barnsley’s performance based on the NHS-social care interface dashboard is rated 13th best in the country so it is possible we could be selected for review as one of the stronger performing areas. If this were to be the case it would provide us with a great opportunity to showcase the excellent work taking place in Barnsley to keep delays to a minimum and in doing so deliver the best outcomes for people
- 3.8 A national report of key findings and recommendations will be published by CQC following completion of the review programme.

4. Conclusion/ Next Steps

4.1 SSDG are asked to

- i) note the government’s approach to the introduction of targeted local system reviews by CQC and in the event of Barnsley being selected in the next wave of reviews ensure everyone gets behind the review to showcase the excellent work taking place locally

- ii) agree the report proceeds to the Health & Wellbeing Board so that Board Members are sighted on the introduction of CQC local place based reviews
- iii) receive further reports on any learning from the CQC review programme to help further improve our local system arrangements.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The government is considering a review, in November, of the 2018/19 additional social care funding allocations for areas considered to be performing poorly against the agreed delayed transfers of care reductions. This funding would still remain with local government, to be used for adult social care. However unless something totally unexpected was to arise, this is unlikely to apply to Barnsley given our consistent high level of performance on delayed transfers of care.

6. Consultation with stakeholders

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Appendices

7.1 Not applicable

8. Background Papers

8.1 Ministerial statement by Jeremy Hunt 03.07.2017
Letter from Jeremy Hunt to David Behan, CQC 07.07.2017
NHS Social Care Interface Dashboard

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