

Item 5a

Report of the Director of Human Resources,
Performance & Communications,
to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
on 6th October 2015

The Commissioner Working Together Programme – Cover Report

1.0 Introduction and Summary

- 1.1 The attached report (Item 5b) provides an outline of the Commissioner Working Together Programme. This programme is a collaboration of eight Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) (Barnsley, Bassetlaw, Doncaster, Hardwick, North Derbyshire, Rotherham, Sheffield and Wakefield), as well as the local part of NHS England (NHSE).
- 1.2 CCGs are groups of General Practices that work together to plan and design local health services in England. They do this by 'commissioning' or buying health and care services. This local 'Commissioner Working Together Programme' partnership has been established so that where appropriate, services can be planned and commissioned over a wider footprint. This enables the sharing of knowledge, expertise and resources to improve care for local people and provide NHS services that meet local needs.
- 1.3 The attached report provides a background to the programme, the approach being taken and what this will mean for Barnsley. The committee is asked to provide comments and suggestions with regards to this area of work and receive further updates as the work progresses.

2.0 Invited Witnesses

- 2.1 The following witness has been invited to today's meeting to discuss this programme of work with the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
 - Lesley Smith, Chief Officer, Barnsley CCG

3.0 Possible Areas for Investigation

- 3.1 Members may wish to ask questions around the following areas:
 - How effective are the working relationships amongst the organisations involved in this programme?
 - As this programme covers a number of geographical areas, how will you ensure that Barnsley residents benefit from its work?

- How does the work taking place in this partnership compare with other areas?
- How will you ensure effective performance management and delivery of services?
- To what extent have local stakeholders been involved in this work and influenced decision making?
- What are the financial implications of this programme?
- How effective is the collection and use of data with regards to this programme? Is the information available current and timely?
- How confident are you in programme being able to achieve improvements in NHS services delivered to Barnsley residents?
- Are there any actions which could be taken by Members to support this area of work?

4.0 Background Papers and Links

- Link to the Commissioner Working Together Programme website:
<http://workingtogethernhs.co.uk/about/commissioner-working-together-group/>

5.0 Glossary

BMBC - Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
CCG – Clinical Commissioning Group
NHSE – National Health Service England

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