

Agenda item 5

DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

10 November 2016

Report of the Chief Transformation Officer North Derbyshire CCG

**VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR
TASK AND FINISH GROUP UPDATE**

1. Purpose of the report

To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) of the latest work in relation to the VCS Investment Review and outline the next steps for the task and finish group to bring this piece of work to an end.

2. Information and analysis

Background

Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and each Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in Derbyshire have had funding agreements with the VCS for a wide range of preventative and infrastructure services in place for a number of years and most of these agreements pre-date the establishment of the HWB and CCGs. In February 2014, the Derbyshire HWB agreed to commence a project to:

- Understand the totality of public sector investment in the VCS in relation to health and social care.
- Evaluate and prioritise investment based on a set of shared outcomes taking account of any budget constraints being faced by the partners.
- Identify opportunities for greater budget alignment and make recommendations for continued investment or disinvestment going forward.
- Develop a single commissioning process including contract monitoring and evaluation

The project is considering the ongoing financial pressures of both NHS and local government organisations.

Governance

A task and finish group, chaired by North Derbyshire CCG, has been established to deliver the project and the group contains representation from all CCGs, , and Derbyshire County Council (Adult Care, Children's Services,

Public Health and Policy). The ambition to include district and borough councils on the group has not been achieved; however, engagement through other routes is acknowledged e.g. Health and Wellbeing Partnerships. In addition, recognising the importance of ongoing engagement with the voluntary sector, representatives from the sector are also members of the group.

The task and finish group acts in an advisory role to the HWB, and key decisions regarding investment/ disinvestment will need to be considered by the governing bodies of each respective funding organisation.

Activity to date

To date the project has progressed in two phases, with the first phase of the project focused on mapping current investment in the VCS for health and social care across HWB partners. The results of the mapping exercise were initially presented to the HWB in April 2014 and this document has been subsequently updated and to reflect current spend for ongoing analysis. HWB members developed a set of joint outcomes and principles for VCS investment and have subsequently been agreed by the Board. These are:

OUTCOMES	PRINCIPLES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce the need for care and support - Improve quality of life - Health improvement through Healthy lifestyles across the life course - Reduce health inequalities and keep people safe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integration of services - Early intervention/ prevention - Community resilience and building social capital - Patient and community involvement in the design and delivery of services - Safeguarding adults and children

The second phase of the project has focused on aligning budgets between DCC adult care VCS budget and CCG VCS budget for adults. The joint outcomes and principles agreed by the HWB have been supplemented by additional criteria and evaluation questions developed by the task and finish group and it is intended that these, alongside the outcomes and principles, will help inform any future commissioning.

DCC Cabinet and CCG Governing Body papers

Between March and May 2016, following consideration of the evidence gathered and the latest financial analysis, reports were tabled at Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet meeting and at meetings of CCG Governing Bodies to outline each organisations' proposed investment for priority areas, based on statutory duties, and discretionary spend. DCC Cabinet and CCG Governing bodies' papers agreed that consultation would be undertaken in

relation to the proposals outlined in the various reports. Alongside this an equality analysis was also developed to inform the decision making process.

Wherever possible the members of the VCS Investment Task and Finish Group sought to progress the work at similar timescales in order to meet the various decision-making processes of the funding bodies, however, this was not always possible, particularly in relation to the consultation requirements of different organisations. It is recognised that this did result in a complex situation for some voluntary sector organisations who received funding from more than one organisation and is something which all organisations would seek to improve upon in the future as there is a strong commitment to collaborate and align approaches wherever possible.

Grant funding and discretionary funding

Following a 12 week consultation exercise on the future of VCS funding recommendations were made to DCC's Cabinet on the 20 September 2016 that funding to a small number of grant funded organisations supported by Adult Care would cease, with the rest of the services subject to the consultation having their funding secured for a further 18 months. Full details can be found online: http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/2016-09-20%20Grant%20Funding_tcm44-284112.pdf

In terms of CCG discretionary spend consultation and an application process against defined healthcare priorities has taken place and this has resulted in a mix of organisations who have previously received funding alongside some new organisations securing funding for the next 18 months. Timescales are realigned enabling a joint process going forward and the development of 'Place' through STP.

Thematic reviews

In addition a number of thematic reviews have been co-ordinated by the relevant commissioning groups to consider the most appropriate approach to funding is moving forward. A summary of the latest position is attached as an Annex to this report.

Future role of the task and finish group

In terms of the work of the HWB task and finish group on VCS Investment, it has now completed the tasks delegated to the group by the HWB and it has:

- Mapped the totality of investment in the VCS
- Evaluated and prioritised investment based on a set of shared outcomes

- Identified opportunities for greater budget alignment and through reports to governing bodies made appropriate recommendation for investment/disinvestment moving forward.

Whilst the ambition to develop a single commissioning process for the award of grant funding, including monitoring and evaluation, was achieved through the thematic work, however, not fully realised for all VCS commissioning, the partners involved in the task and finish group would like to achieve this in the future and will continue to seek to align approaches wherever possible.

It was proposed in the report to the HWB in May 2016, that the group will now only meet if and when required to finalise any outstanding tasks, with the role of the task and finish group formally ending in April 2017.

However, members of the group have recognised that as funding will have to be reviewed again within the next 18 months there is a value for the group to remain in existence and meeting on a bi-monthly basis to:

- Build and strengthen relationships with the voluntary sector following review of grant funding.
- Provide advice, support and guidance to enable the development of the voluntary sector organisations who deliver health and social care services.
- Ensure that the voluntary sector is appropriately placed to meet future commissioning requirements.
- Where possible, jointly commission VCS services in the future
- Provide strategic input into the development of 'Place' in relation to the VCS through STP

Therefore, due to evolution of group's role and function, it is recommended that the HWB agree to the revised remit for this group and that it continues to meet and provide updates to the HWB in relation to VCS Investment as appropriate.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note the initial work of the VCS investment review task and finish group is complete.
2. Agrees that the membership and role of the VCS investment review group is reviewed to allow it to continue to meet as a forum where links between voluntary and statutory agencies are developed to ensure that the voluntary sector is appropriately placed to meet future commissioning requirements.

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Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Commissioning – VCS Investment Review - update October 2016

Overview: The Health and Wellbeing Board in February 2014 requested that a Joint Investment Group (Voluntary and Community Services) be established to consider the current and future funding to voluntary and community sector organisations, contributing to the health and wellbeing agenda. NDCCG was asked to Chair this group. This commenced various reviews of VCS services which broadly are split into thematic (mandatory), discretionary (non-mandatory) and vSPA. A brief overview and update is below.

Discretionary services

Clinical Commissioning Groups

Discretionary Services in the VCS currently funded by CCGs have been reviewed and engagement with providers and service users. Following the review VCS providers were invited to apply against priorities identified by CCGs. A very high number of applications were received and the CCGs assessed the bids at a multi-agency panel. Providers were notified on Wednesday 21st September the outcome of the process. New agreements will run from 1st October 2016 for 18 months.

Further work with a small number of VCS organisations is taking place over the next 6 months.

Derbyshire County Council – Colin Selbie,

A 12 week consultation has taken place which resulted in a number of recommendations to Cabinet

- Continue funding for a number of identified services for 18 months to commence from 1st October 2016
- Discontinue Grant funding following a three month notice period to a small number of services

Link to the paper with full details
http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/images/2016-09-20%20Grant%20Funding_tcm44-284112.pdf

The aim would be that prior to the agreements ending in 2018 DCC and CCGs would come together to jointly commission.

Thematic work - The joint reviews were split into 5 areas, sensory, mental health, advocacy, carers and infrastructure.

Sensory - Lead Tony Ellingham, DCC

The review is complete and a draft report has been shared. Joint investment in hard of hearing services has been agreed. Hard of hearing services will be commissioned for the north and south of the county and they will complement audiology support by providing people with information advice and guidance about how to manage their hearing loss and peer support activity. DCC will commission a countywide Deaf Communication Support Service; CCG funded Deaf Services will remain in place. Tender to be advertised in the New Year. Sight support services are still under discussion.

Advocacy – Lead Sue Whetton, DCC

A strategic review of advocacy has taken place taking into account all current grant funded advocacy provision; the requirements for Care Act advocacy and priorities for health advocacy going forward. Joint funding for the service has been agreed for a two year contract with the possibility of three further 12 months. The tender will be advertised in September, contract start date will be 1st April 2017.

Mental Health – Lead Sue Whetton,

Mental Health Engagement - A review has completed - new Service to be commissioned and in place by 1st April 17.

Recovery and Peer Support – A review and engagement completed; budget agreed and new service to be commissioned and in place by 1st April 17.

Rethink Focusline - Reduction of opening hours to the current service to run a proof of concept with Rethink workers co-located with the 111 service and supporting the Mental Health Triage Urgent Care work.

Carers – Jude Boyle, DCC & Tina Brown, SDCCG

County - A lead provider model is currently being commissioned to deliver information, advice, guidance and support for self-help and peer groups and new service to be in place 1st April 17.

Personal budgets will be more widely available to carers.

City - Derbyshire Carers Association deliver Carers Assessments, information and advice from April 15. Training and breaks delivered from Community Action Derby/Creative Carers until March 17.

Infrastructure – Sarah Everest, ND CGG

The aim of the review is to agree the priorities and outcomes for the investment in VCS infrastructure organisations, specifically in relation to increasing the capacity in the VCS sector to support the health and wellbeing of people in local communities/places across Derbyshire.

Update:

- CCGs have agreed to 'pause' to enable work to re-commence with DCC to review timelines and the wider work through STP and 'Place'
- Reviewing current SLAs.
- To develop a 'core offer' and engage with 3D and undertake a consultation with all infrastructure providers

vSPA - Proof of concept developed from 1st June 16 for 1 year. Point of access to take referrals for individuals who may benefit from services delivered by VCS organisations Lead provider for North is NDVA and south is South Derbyshire CVS. Reviewing timeframe