

**Agenda item 13**

**DERBYSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**12 May 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 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 funding agreements with the VCS for a wide range of preventative and infrastructure services. Most of these agreements pre-date the establishment of the HWB and CCGs, and therefore do not necessarily reflect current and future priorities for supporting an individual's health and wellbeing. 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, with particular emphasis on the reduction in grant funding for adult care services.

**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, district councils, Derbyshire County Council (Adult Care, Children's

Services, Public Health and Policy) and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office. 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:

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

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**

Following consideration of the evidence gathered to date and the latest financial analysis a series of reports have been developed for Derbyshire County Council's Cabinet and CCG Governing Bodies, outlining each organisations investment for priority areas, based on statutory duties, and discretionary spend.

In relation to DCC three Cabinet Reports have been approved:

- [Luncheon Clubs:](#) This Cabinet paper agreed that the existing Members Community Development Fund would be top sliced and transferred to Adult Care to support Luncheon Club provision.
- [Extension of Grant Funding – Adult Care Statutory Priorities:](#) This paper outlines a series of voluntary sector services, which will continue to receive funding for a further 12 months whilst consultation takes place and commissioning approaches are developed for services which support the council's statutory functions in relation to mental health, sensory impairment, advocacy, carers and dementia.
- [Grant Funding in 2016-17 - Adult Care Non Statutory Service Priorities](#) This report outlines a number of services which will be funded for a further six months and consultation will take place voluntary sector providers for a period of 12 weeks.

CCG Governing Bodies have also received an update report relating to consultation, engagement and proposed re-commissioning of both statutory and discretionary services This is currently being circulated to Governing Bodies for approval.

Consultation is currently taking place in relation to both DCC and CCG proposals, and where possible this is being co-ordinated. An equality analysis is also being developed to inform the decision making process.

As the funding picture is complex, with potential implications across many organisations, District Council Chief Executives have also been made aware of the proposals.

The VCS Investment Task and Finish Group recognise that for some aspects of the project, work may need to progress at different timescales in order to meet the various decision-making processes of the funding bodies. The group will continue to seek alignment in approach wherever possible.

### **Next steps**

At the end of the consultation period it is anticipated that Cabinet and the CCG Governing Bodies will receive further reports detailing the outcomes and analysis of consultation, the completed Equality Analysis, recommendations, and proposals for the next steps in the process.

It is proposed a further report will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board providing an overview of the recommendations made in these reports.

In addition, the task and finish group is finalising the appropriate paperwork to support a single commissioning process. The new documentation will ensure a common approach to all commissioning activity and reduced demand on the voluntary sector that currently have to complete funding bids and evaluation information on a range of templates.

**Future role of the task and finish group**

The task and finish group has therefore completed the original tasks assigned to the group by the Health and Wellbeing Board in relation to:

- Mapping the totality of investment in the VCS
- Evaluating and prioritising investment based on a set of shared outcomes
- Identifying opportunities for greater budget alignment and through reports to governing bodies made appropriate recommendation for investment/ disinvestment moving forward.
- Developing a single commissioning process, including contract monitoring and evaluation.

Therefore it is proposed that the task and finish group and Joint Commissioners Group continue to meet until the Autumn when it is anticipated that final reports and recommendations outlining future investment in the VCS are presented to Cabinet and CCG Governing Bodies.

Between the Autumn and April 2017, when many of the new arrangements are implemented, it is proposed that the group meet if and when required to finalise any outstanding tasks, with the role of the task and finish group formally ending in April 2017.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note that reports have been developed for approval by CCG Governing Bodies and DCC Cabinet in relation to voluntary sector investment outlining proposals, which are currently subject to consultation;
2. Agree that the Health and Wellbeing Board receive a report detailing the outcomes of the consultation in the Autumn; and
3. Agree the proposed timeframe to bring to an end the work of the VCS Investment Task and Finish Group.

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