

Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Wards:

Subject: Treating People outside a Hospital Setting

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Lead member:

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Recommendations:

- A. Members of the Panel are asked to note the progress made in developing out-of-hospital services.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose is to bring members of the Panel up to date with the latest initiatives to treat people outside a hospital setting where it is clinically appropriate to do so.

2 DETAILS

2.1. Hospital admission is necessary for people who are seriously injured or acutely unwell. The treatment required in those cases can be most safely and effectively delivered in a hospital setting. However, for those people whose health challenges are less acute hospital is not necessarily the best place to be. Treatment can often be delivered more safely and effectively at home or in other settings outside hospital. This provides benefit to the patients concerned by maintaining them in a familiar environment, close to family and other regular sources of support, whilst protecting them from the potential downsides of hospital admission, such as hospital acquired infections. It also protects hospital capacity for those most acutely ill who do need hospital admission. The details of the schemes are set out in the accompanying presentation. They have been broadly divided into Primary Care and Community schemes but there is a lot of overlap and the aim is to provide seamless care. This approach is to be developed further in the form of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3.1. The only other option to the initiatives set out in the attached presentation is to treat all of these patients in hospital. This would be less clinically effective for the patients as well as adding to the severe pressures that the hospital system is already under.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1. There is engagement activity associated with all of these initiatives as described in the detail.

5 TIMETABLE

5.1. The timescales vary – see the detail by scheme in the attached report.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. The financial implications vary by scheme but as a general rule

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. All service developments overseen by the ICB are subject to Equality Impact Assessments

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10.1. None

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- See presentation attached.

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1.

Department Approval	Name of Officer	Date of Comments
Legal		
Finance		
Executive Director		
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