

Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board
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Older People's Joint Management Group Briefing

This paper outlines the activity of the Older People's Joint Management Group since the last update provided to the Health and Wellbeing Board in July 2015.

1. The Group has met twice since the last update, on 28 July and 29 September 2015, and had discussions on the following issues in addition to matters arising from the previous meetings.
2. The Older People's Joint Management Group monitors activity, performance and spending from the pooled budget to meet the six priorities of **the Older People's Joint Commissioning Strategy**, which are:
 - I can take part in a range of activities and services that help me stay well and be part of a supportive community.
 - I get the care and support I need in the most appropriate way and at the right time.
 - When I am in hospital or longer term care it is because I need to be there. While I am there, I receive high quality care and am discharged home when I am ready.
 - As a carer, I am supported in my caring role.
 - Living with dementia, I and my carers receive good advice and support early on and I get the right help at the right time to live well.
 - I see health and social care services working well together.
3. The discussions on priorities and activity have focused on responding to the increasing demand for services within a diminishing budget. It is imperative for health and social care to work together to develop new ways of delivering the services people need, and items brought to the Group reflected this. Integrated Locality Teams are one example which was discussed at the meeting in July. Specific areas the Group addressed included:
 - **Care homes activity:** The Group agreed to have a detailed discussion about care home activity and spending in its meeting in November to analyse the reasons for a high number of permanent admissions to care homes. They will also examine the reasons behind the high number of admissions from home, which, unusually, exceeded admissions from hospital this year.
 - **Reablement:** work is on-going to improve access to reablement from the community, which has continued to be half the rate of that expected.
 - **Care at home activity:** the Group will continue to monitor care at home activity. The demand for care at home is greater than expected and care packages are getting bigger and more complex, putting pressure on teams' capacity and the budget.

4. The group approved the actual pooled budget to date as £48.472m which equals a year-end overspend forecast of £2.190m.
5. The group approved the **Ensuring System Resilience in Oxfordshire** paper that summarised on-going actions and additional funding to ensure a resilient and effective social care service over the winter period. The Clinical Commissioning Group was asked to fund this additional activity subject to agreement at their Board.
6. The group discussed **the new Choice Policy** and the impact of choice on delayed discharges from hospital. Over the period 2014/15 to date the number of delays from acute and community hospitals has remained high (weekly average c155) where choice delays have constituted around 10 percent of the total. To remedy this, a new Choice Policy was agreed and enacted across acute and community hospitals in April 2015, along with a new local counting system that provides more detailed information on the reasons for delay was implemented in August 2015.

The policy sets out the process for managing patients who are ready to be discharged from acute care to their home with a care package or to a residential care/nursing home, or transferred to a community health or social care service. An update report will come to the Older People's Joint Management Group in January 2016 when the full impact of the changes will be clearer.

7. The group received information on the projects piloted in Oxfordshire with £4.9 million secured from **the Prime Ministers Challenge Fund** and on the **Adult Social Care Workforce Strategy 2015-2018**.

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