

Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board

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Health and Social Care integration Pioneers – an update

Context

The Secretary of State, Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt and the Health Minister, Norman Lamb MP have made a number of high profile statements about their eagerness to support work to integrate health and social care services. In May 2013 they sent out a letter as a foreword to the document “Integrated Care – Our shared commitment”.

On 13 May the Department of Health issued a letter inviting expression of interest for health and social care integration (Gateway 00079).

Health and Social Care leaders met in the Health Liaison meeting on 20 May 2013 and agreed unanimously to support an application. It was agreed that John Jackson (Director of Adult Social Care) would liaise with colleagues in Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group to submit an application.

It should be noted that submitting an expression of interest does not imply any financial risk to Oxfordshire County Council or Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

This report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board that an application was submitted on 28 June.

The first successful cohort will be announced in September.

A successful bid would result in significant additional support being offered to Oxfordshire in the form of personnel. There is no immediate financial benefit for successful “Integration Pioneers”.

Oxfordshire’s Application

The Health and Wellbeing Board are clear that Oxfordshire’s major challenge both now and in future years will be how it delivers high quality, safe and sustainable services for Older People.

Good joint working to date has enabled the Health and Wellbeing Board to produce a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy built from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The joint strategy also identifies priorities relating to mental health and the importance of babies having the best possible start to life.

With these needs in mind Oxfordshire has undertaken innovative work to assess the feasibility of delivering improved outcomes through outcome based contracting for these priority areas.

Work on delivering outcome based contract for Mental Health and Maternity are well advanced. Work on an outcome based contract for older people is more complex and requires considerable further discussion.

The application submitted focused on work we are doing to integrate services for people with anxiety and depression, psychosis. Our work to deliver improved services for maternity care and new born babies was also highlighted. It is anticipated that the work on Mental Health services and Maternity services will enable full consideration of the potential for using outcome based contracts for delivering improved services for Older People and those with multiple long term conditions.

The submission is available on the OCCG web site www.oxfordshireccg.nhs.uk

I will inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the result of our submission in September.

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