

Oxfordshire Health & Wellbeing Board – 5 March 2015

An update of the work of the Older People's Joint Management Group

The Older People's Joint Management Group has held two meetings, on 2 December 2014 and 3 February 2015, since the last report to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The highlights of the discussions are below:

The Older People's Joint Management Group Meeting, 2 December 2014

The Group received the Older People's Programme Report, Performance Report and Finance Report. The Group agreed to receive a joint finance, performance and activity report to monitor the activity in health and social care, the spending from the pooled budget and the performance against targets more effectively.

The discussions focused on the key areas off target:

- High levels of delayed transfers of care, particularly relating to people needing on-going health care and reablement (currently 39% over target);
- The number of emergency admissions to hospital, currently 5% higher than the same period last year, where the Better Care Fund target is a 3.5% reduction;
- The low level of people being referred to reablement from community settings - not from hospital (currently 2 per day, target 5 per day)

The Group received updates on actions to address these issues.

The Joint Management Group approved the overall forecast outturn position for the Older People's and Equipment Pool at 31 October 2014 with an overspend of £1.130m against a total budget of £183.476m. This is a variation of 0.62%.

A paper on Integrated Locality Working was presented by Suzanne Jones. The main message of the paper was that by next winter, health and social care will be working in a more integrated way in Oxfordshire. The existing way of working is being remodelled to work as 'a team around the person'. The implementation of this model will require a cultural change at all levels. The Joint Management Group will receive updates on this work when it meets on 26 May 2015.

The Older People's Joint Management Group Meeting, 3 February 2015

The Older People's Joint Management Group received the Joint Performance, Activity and Finance Report that presented the activity, performance and spending under the priorities of the Older People's Strategy. The issues highlighted were:

- Most of the pooled budget is spent on a few people
- Although a wide range of early help services are available, more older people are becoming more dependent
- The pick up rates by home care providers have been improved but home care market still requires more attention
- The indicators focus more on the services and not the care people receive. There will be discussions on how to measure care received and how to define targets around that.

The Joint Management Group has welcomed the presentation of performance and finance figures linked to activity levels and the priorities of the Older People's Strategy and agreed that this provided important insights to the on-going work and the actions to be taken for the future.

The key areas off target remained the same:

- High levels of delayed transfers of care, particularly relating to people needing on-going health care and reablement (currently 43% over target)
- The number of emergency admissions to hospital, currently 5% higher than the same period, where the Better Care Fund target is a 3.5% reduction
- The low level of people being referred to reablement from community settings - not from hospital (currently 2.1 per day, target 5 per day)

The Joint Management Group approved the overall forecast outturn position for the Older People's and Equipment Pool at 31 December 2014 with an overspend of £0.648m against a total budget of £183.476m. This is a variation of 0.35%.

A report on the variation to the legal agreement under Section 75 of the NHS Act 2006 that governs the existing formal joint working arrangements and pooled budgets between Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group and Oxfordshire County Council was presented to the Group for discussion.

The Joint Management Group has continued to receive updates from the Older People's Partnership Board representatives. In addition to their contributions to the discussions, representatives underlined their willingness to participate in the decision-making.

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