

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 November 2015.

The Group has met once since the last update, on 27th January 2016, and had discussions on performance, finance and activity for older people from April to December 2015 in addition to matters arising from the previous meetings.

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.

The Group discussed how to respond to the increasing demand for services within a diminishing budget. The broad savings agenda was discussed and concerns from the Clinical Commissioning Group about some of the savings proposals were noted, together with a commitment to work jointly on the future savings challenge.

The group discussed issues in relation to delayed transfers of care, and the Clinical Commissioning Group £2m project (including the purchase of up to 150 additional intermediate care beds in nursing homes). This spend is outside the older persons pooled budget but there are significant overlaps. The potential implications and risks of this project on the pooled budget were discussed, and in particular the risks of market destabilisation. On the positive side, the project will create capacity in the system by supporting people in moving to a setting suitable for their needs quickly. This is however a short term solution and the underlying problem for the delayed transfers of care in Oxfordshire still need to be addressed. The group noted the risks of the project and underlined that learning from this exercise should help to understand and address the challenges that Oxfordshire has been facing.

The group approved the actual pooled budget to date as £99.231m which equals a year-end overspend forecast of £2.494m.

The overspend figure includes an overspend of £1.024m on Non-Emergency Patient Transport. This currently sits with the Clinical Commissioning Group who have been working on how to manage this pressure with the provider.