

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE 2011

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICES: UPDATE

The following report summarises activity since the last Board meeting in May.

1. Completion of the legal transfer of adult community health services occurred on 01 April 2011 according to plan. All outstanding issues resolved.
2. Interim management arrangements have been implemented for the period 01 April to 30 September 2011.
3. STH Directors have developed new organisational structures to integrate community corporate services with existing STH services. A 30 day consultation of proposals with staff organisations and individual staff commenced on the 7th of June. The process of integrating corporate services is scheduled to be completed by October 2011.
4. The Business Continuity Plan is being developed to manage the practical changes that will occur when interim management arrangements end on 30 September.
5. TEG discussed and agreed that the preferred future management arrangements will be through the establishment of a 9th Care Group called Integrated Community Services. A new job description for the Clinical Director has been completed and the post advertised on the NHS Jobs website with a proposed interview date at the end of June or early July. The intention is that the successful candidate would commence in post from 01 October 2011.
6. In parallel with this, the first joint planning workshop took place on the 7th of June, to discuss the optimum organisation of clinical services and how best to achieve the maximum improvement of clinical outcomes, patient experience and value for money. A series of workshops focussing on individual clinical pathways are being planned over the next 3 months.
7. The “Transforming Health and social care in Sheffield” steering group has been established with the most senior stakeholders in the City coming together to set out a vision to transform services, involving key stakeholders in the process. This group is initially focussing on unscheduled care and through the appointment of Chris Linacre as programme director, has commenced scoping the key elements of the unscheduled care transformation programme which will focus in the following four areas:
 - a. Changing the way teams work together to improve coordination and to provide a much more personalised service for patients.
 - b. Improving care in the community helping to prevent patients needing to be admitted to hospital.
 - c. Improving the care pathways for patients who do need admission
 - d. Improving discharge arrangements, so that where appropriate and safe, patients can be returned to their own house or local community sooner than at the moment.
8. The proposal is that the Adult Provider Partnership Board would oversee the planning of these service transformations and that each provider of integrated care would take responsibility for making the practical changes needed to transform care across the City.

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