Health and Wellbeing Board

10 March 2015



Classification:

Report of: NHS Tower Hamlets Clinical

Commissioning Group

Unrestricted

CCG Commissioning Update

Contact for information	Josh Potter: Deputy Director of Commissioning and
	Transformation, Tower Hamlets CCG

Executive Summary

This paper comprises of a general update of the CCG's commissioning activity covering:

- Primary Care Co-commissioning
- Prime Minister's Challenge Fund
- WELC Integration Pioneer: Kings Fund Review
- Improving Mental Health Inpatient Services

Recommendations:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. Note the report

1. DETAILS OF REPORT

1.1 Primary Care Co-Commissioning

Tower Hamlets CCG is one of 64 CCGs across the country that have been approved by NHS England to take on greater 'delegated' commissioning responsibility for GP services from April this year. This follows plans set out by NHS England Chief Executive Simon Stevens, early last year, to give patients, communities and clinicians more scope in deciding how local services are developed.

The latest move follows the plan set out in the Next steps towards primary care cocommissioning document developed by the joint CCG and NHS England primary care co-commissioning programme oversight group in partnership with NHS Clinical Commissioners, and is another step towards delivering the wider strategic agenda set out in the Five Year Forward View.

1.2 Prime Minister's Challenge Fund

The Tower Hamlets GP Care Group put in a bid for the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund, to improve primary care access of Tower Hamlets residents to face to face primary care services from 8am to 8pm 7 days a week, for provision of routine and urgent care. The fund will also be used to improve working in partnership with community pharmacies to offer an enhanced Minor Ailments Service with increased formulary and upskilling of pharmacists as independent prescribers as well as working closely with voluntary groups in the borough to complement enhanced primary care provision to address the cycle of demand.

The GP Care Group is awaiting the outcome of the bid, and we should know this by early March 2015.

1.3 WELC Integrated Care Programme: Kings Fund Review

A recent review by the King's Fund celebrated the scale and ambition of the WELC Integrated Care Programme, recognising the significant progress made over the recent years. The King's Fund Review took place in December and January, and involved stakeholder interviews along with a literature review. The King's Fund noted a clear vision for integrated care across WELC and the successful implementation of a number of new services and interventions to support integration. The emerging challenges highlighted the demanding plan for capitated budgets and the requirement to change behaviours and cultures throughout local organisations to facilitate integrated working.

1.4 Improving mental health inpatient services for older people in City and Hackney and Tower Hamlets

Tower Hamlets and City and Hackney Clinical Commissioning Groups in partnership with East London NHS Foundation Trust (ELFT) are conducting a 13 week consultation on proposed changes to inpatient services for older people with mental health problems aged 65 and over, who live in City and Hackney and Tower

Hamlets. The proposal outlines the merge of two inpatient wards onto one site at Mile End Hospital. This consultation focuses on inpatient services for older people who have conditions that have a psychological cause such as depression, schizophrenia, mood disorders or anxiety. The consultation will end on 16 March 2015.