

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES TRANSFER PROGRAMME**

### **1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to update the Joint Health & Overview Scrutiny Committee on the transfer of community services from Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust (PCFT) to a range of alternative providers. This is a complex set of transfers, involving the transfer of community services to a number of different providers at different timescales during 2019/20. A summary of each transfer, timescales and issues is provided below.

### **2. Background**

On 31 October 2018 the PCFT Board considered a position paper which set out a proposition to maximise the potential for mental health and learning disabilities, community services and corporate services. In summary, this recommended a re-definition of service portfolio, focussed on the delivery of an enhanced offer around mental health and learning disability services with a transfer of our community services to an alternative provider. Since then, progress has been made on transferring community services to alternative providers and ensuring a safe transition.

### **3. Update**

In terms of the transfer programmes:

#### **1. Transfer of Community services to Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust (SRFT)**

On 1.7.19 community services for adults and children in Bury and Oldham, and community services for adults in Heywood Middleton & Rochdale, transferred to SRFT. This was a significant transfer, and partners across the system worked effectively in partnership to manage and deliver this in a short timescale. The transfer will enable the integration of community services within Local Care Organisations (LCOs). PCFT is continuing to provide a number of support services for SRFT on a transitional basis (e.g. IM&T support), whilst they establish long-term arrangements. PCFT will continue to provide mental health and learning disability services across the north east sector, and be an active partner in the LCOs.

#### **2. Transfer of community services to Manchester Foundation Trust (MFT)**

Community services in Trafford will transfer to MFT on 1.10.19, following a procurement process undertaken by Trafford CCG in 2018. Detailed work is underway with MFT to prepare for the transfer, and consultation with staff is due to start 29.7.19. PCFT will continue to provide Community Eating Disorder services under a sub-contract arrangement for a period

of time, as this service is currently provided over a wider foot-print and there are a number of implications of separating this that will need to be considered and addressed.

**3. Transfer of Children's Services in Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale (HMR)**

HMR Clinical Commissioning Group are running a procurement process for children's services. The contract start date is 1.10.19, and PCFT will be notified of the successful bidder on 16.8.19. Detailed plans have been developed to start the work required to transfer the services by 1.10.19, and mobilisation work will commence once the successful bidder is known.

**4. Transfer of Dental Services to alternative providers**

Greater Manchester Health and Social care Partnership (GMHSCP) are the commissioner for the majority of our community dental services. They have recently undertaken a procurement for In-Hours Urgent Dental Care in order to have consistent provision across Greater Manchester, and have awarded the contract to two separate providers (one for the call handling and one for the clinical service). The service will transfer 1.10.19 and we are currently working through the detail of the work required to transfer the service.

GMHSCP have informed us of their commissioning intentions to undertake a further three separate procurements, being for Specialist Oral Surgery in primary care, Paediatric community dental services and Special Care community dental services. Again, this is in order to have consistent provision across Greater Manchester. The plan is that contracts for these services would start on 1.10.20.

In line with PCFT strategy, we have given notice on dental contracts with effect from 31.3.20. We are currently working with GMHSCP to agree arrangements for continued stable provision of services between 1.4.20 – 30.9.20, as their procurement timescale has a contract start date for the three procurements of 1.10.20.

**5. Child Health Information Service CHIS to a new provider**

GMHSCP are the commissioner for the CHIS service, and have indicated their commissioning intention that the services across the North East Sector and Trafford are transferred to a single provider. Confirmation of the new provider is expected imminently, and once this is confirmed, PCFT will consult with staff and implement the transfer.

PCFT will continue to host the CHIS information system until the new provider is able to transition to the new single information system for GM. The transfer of CHIS will take place on 1.10.19.

A review of the longer-term intention is to be undertaken with a possibility that services will be consolidated into a single provider working on a single information system.