

Report To: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 6th February 2014

Lead Member/Officer: Lead Member for Social Care/
Corporate Director Modernisation and Well-being

Report Author: Manager, North Wales Commissioning Hub

Title: North Wales Commissioning Hub Annual Report

1. What is the report about?

To provide an update on the work of the North Wales Commissioning Hub (NWCH) and share the contents of its first Annual Report.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To provide information regarding the work of the North Wales Commissioning Hub

3. What are the Recommendations?

Members are asked to consider and provide comment on work of NWCH as described in the Annual Report.

4. Report details.

NWCH is a collaborative project between the 6 north Wales Councils and BCU health Board. It is unique in Wales spanning as it does children's and adults services and in partnership with the NHS. It is hosted by Denbighshire County Council and is accountable to a Management Board, chaired by Sally Ellis. The NWCH Manager provides regular update reports to the Social and Health Programme Board.

NWCH has four main functions:

- To ensure value for money in current high cost placements
- To source new placements through transparent process and ensure VFM
- To coordinate a regional approach and monitor the quality of care home provision
- Strategic commissioning, working with partners to develop the market to ensure services are able to meet current and future demand

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

NWCH contributes to the following Corporate Priorities:

- Vulnerable People are protected and are able to live as independently as possible

- Modernising the council to deliver efficiencies and improve services for our customers

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

In 2012/13 Denbighshire Council's contribution to the annual running cost of NWCH was £11,113

Denbighshire Council receives £20,000 from partners for costs in relation to hosting the Hub team.

To date Denbighshire Council has accrued £44,922 savings (over 3 year period including 12/13 and 13/14 including cost avoidance of £1,608).

NWCH monitor the quality of care in 25 care homes in Denbighshire on the Council's behalf.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) undertaken on the decision? The completed EqIA template should be attached as an appendix to the report.

An equality impact assessment was conducted when the Full Business Case to develop the Hub was written. It has not been necessary to repeat this.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

All partners were consulted on the Full Business Case. NWCH provides regular reports to Social and Health Programme Board and consults with providers and partners, including frontline staff on a regular basis.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

N/A

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

A risk assessment is in place and is monitored by the NWCH Management Board

11. Power to make the Decision

Articles 6.3.3(d) and 6.3.4(d) set out Scrutiny's power with respect to matter

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