Board Cover Sheet

Title: Memorandum of Understanding: Eastern Cheshire Integrated Care Board

Executive Summary: This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) sets out the vision, values and principles of integrated care and the Integrated Care Board's (ICB) purpose and outcomes and accountability framework to ensure the delivery of the required system and service changes to make integrated care a reality across Eastern Cheshire.

The MoU is not legally binding, but it does confirm an agreement between the participating organisations to undertake the required activities for integrated care together.

In summary the ICB includes representatives from both commissioning and provider organisations from across the health and social care system are expected to have executive powers to take decisions relating to integrated care. This is why a MoU is considered necessary.

The Integrated Care Board is a sub-committee of the Eastern Cheshire Partnership Board, but requires the commitment of all partner organisations to work within a collaborative and collegiate way within the ICB to bring about integrated care.

The MoU does not include agreements on the future financial frameworks and principles, or the measurement and performance management framework, which will be dealt with under separate agreements. The engagement and consultation framework will also be considered separately.

Recommendations:

Cheshire East Cabinet is asked to:

- review and discuss the content of the MoU
- the Chief Executive and Leader are asked to commit their organisation to the MoU and to sign and return it by 8 April 2013 (the Integrated Care Programme Director will act as the co-ordinator for responses samanthanicol@nhs.net)
- if the Cheshire East Cabinet is not able to support the MoU or has further amendments these should also be returned by the same deadline to the same person.