

## **REPORT TO: Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

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**Date of Meeting:** 9 July 2015  
**Report of:** Transformation Manager, NHS Eastern Cheshire Clinical  
Commissioning Group  
**Subject/Title:** Caring Together – General Practice Review Update  
**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor Janet Clowes

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

- 1.1 This report introduces and supports the oral presentation to be provided at the meeting.

### **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:
- a. note the progress report and;
  - b. advise on the requirements for future reporting, consultation and engagement

### **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 Eastern Cheshire CCG, working in collaboration with NHS England (NHSE), is undertaking a review of General Practice. The purpose of the review is to gain a better understanding of the services being provided above the General Practice contracted core services. The review builds on the work completed in the initial phase of the Caring Together programme (June 2014). The findings of the review will be used to generate new service specifications for General Practice in eastern Cheshire that will meet the ambitions and outcomes of the Caring Together programme, supporting the move of more care into the community, care closer to home.
- 3.2 The Commissioners (NHS England & Eastern Cheshire CCG) are developing a transparent and fair commissioning approach by working with the practices to develop this new Caring Together service specification for the identified additional services that they wish to provide for the residents of Eastern Cheshire. The aim is to reduce the variation in services and improve patient outcomes and patient experience.

- 3.3 Throughout the review there has been stability of service provision.
- 3.4 The review will:-
- a) design and plan a phased implementation of new models of service delivery which will deliver improved patient outcomes.
  - b) map the resources the model requires for the phased implementation
  - c) map the workforce and consider the workforce required to deliver the model
  - d) review of the legal, organisational and contractual forms which will support the development of the model.
- 3.5 The review has been in progress since the 30 April 2015 and a Task and Finish group established (comprising of commissioner representatives, GP's and Practice Managers from each of the 22 practices in Eastern Cheshire). The Task and Finish group is co-designing the service specifications under the following services areas:
- a) Access to General Practice
  - b) Health promotion and disease prevention
  - c) Long term condition management
  - d) Complex care co-ordination
  - e) Community co-ordination and accountability
  - f) Community based procedures
  - g) Community based investigations
  - h) Leadership and advocacy
- 3.6 The plan is to complete this initial phase of work by the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2015 to enable the model of care to be agreed by the commissioners to commence a phased implementation from October 2015.
- 3.7 As part of the review there is a need to engage with our public and key stakeholders.
- 3.8 We need to decide whether or not the proposed changes are going to constitute significant service change and whether or not formal consultation is required.

#### **4.0 Access to Information**

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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