

**Report to:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date of meeting:** 26 January 2016

**By:** Director of Adult Social Care and Health

**Title:** Commissioning Reform - delivering a single planning and commissioning process across health and social care

**Purpose:** To outline the next steps for moving to a single planning and commissioning process for East Sussex County Council, Hastings and Rother Clinical Commissioning Group and Eastbourne Hailsham Seaford Clinical Commissioning Group

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## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1. That the Board note the commitment to establish a single planning and commissioning process for health and social care across East Sussex**
  - 2. Note the timescales for delivering the new arrangements in relation to the East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) Programme objectives**
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### **1. Introduction**

1.1 The vision for the ESBT Programme is to create a fully integrated and sustainable health and social care economy across East Sussex. It aims to promote health and wellbeing whilst addressing quality and safety issues in order to prevent ill health. As a result the programme is supporting the delivery of an improved patient experience and outcomes for the population of East Sussex. We are now in week 80 of the 150 week programme and we are building on the initial year of design and have moved to a year of delivery. The outcomes of the programme will be delivered through a focus on population needs, better prevention, self-care, improved detection, early intervention, proactive and joined up responses to people that require care and support.

1.2 In order to deliver this vision a wide range of service transformation is being taken forward with a wide range of engagement with stakeholders in East Sussex. To help meet the ESBT goal of clinical and financial sustainability one of the key next steps will be to establish a single process of planning and commissioning of health and social care. This will enable us to ensure a fully integrated approach to setting priorities and making investment decisions.

1.3 The commissioning bodies that will fully align their planning and commissioning of health and social care are East Sussex County Council (ESCC), Hastings and Rother Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Eastbourne Hailsham Seaford CCG. High Weald Lewes and Havens CCG have withdrawn from the ESBT Programme. Any reference in this

report to East Sussex CCGs refers only to the two CCGs that are part of ESBT and have agreed to establish a single planning and commissioning process.

## **2. Background**

2.1 The purpose in establishing a single planning and commissioning process is to ensure the combined annual budget of around £800m of the three commissioning organisations is deployed to deliver the objectives of the ESBT Programme and ensure we achieve the best value for taxpayers' money.

2.2 The key areas of initial work will be:

- Developing a governance process that enables the commissioning organisations to continue to meet their statutory obligations and ensure local and national democratic accountability through the County Council and NHS. This will include setting of policy, outcome measures and investment decisions
- Establishing a planning process that engages fully with all stakeholders and across all partnerships to inform priorities and investment decisions
- Ensuring the commissioning of services supports delivery of the East Sussex Better Programme vision and objectives, including accountable care
- Setting up a performance management process that enables the commissioning organisations to ensure accountability and proper oversight of agreed plans

## **3. Next Steps**

3.1 A project group will be established by the East Sussex CCGs and ESCC to develop proposals for establishing a single planning and commissioning process across health and social care. This will report to the ESBT Programme Board and CCGs and ESCC senior management teams. The proposals will be considered by the ESCC Cabinet and CCG Boards by July 2016 to ensure a fully integrated process is in place for service and budget setting for 2017/18. Further updates will also be made to the East Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board as this work progresses.

## **4. Conclusion and recommendations**

4.1 The paper sets out the intention to establish a single planning and commissioning process across health and social care to support the vision and objectives of the ESBT Programme. This approach will also ensure a fully integrated approach to commissioning is aligned to the development of Accountable Care in East Sussex.

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