

Agenda Item 5

EXECUTIVE - 4 JUNE 2019

ITEM 5: COMMISSIONING STRATEGIES

COMMENTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

On 30 May 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board considered the report and agreed to support the content of the highlight reports for the six commissioning strategies, set out in the recommendations to the Executive.

Timing of Consideration of the Strategies

The Board considered the issue of timing and was advised that a decision had been made to submit the commissioning strategies to the Executive as a single item, after all six had been considered by the relevant scrutiny committee. This had led to a delay, for example two of the commissioning strategies had been considered in September 2018. With the benefit of hindsight it might have been better to present each strategy immediately after they had been considered by the relevant scrutiny committee.

Comments on Specific Commissioning Strategies

In relation to specific commissioning strategies, the Board highlighted the following: -

Specialist Adult Services Commissioning Strategy

- An example of a scheme using capital investment to reduce revenue costs was extra care housing, which could be developed jointly with district councils; with one scheme in particular planned in Lincoln, which would support adults in one facility, rather than in residential care.
- The importance of NHS health checks for adults and children with learning disabilities was highlighted.
- The NHS should be encouraged to improve access to mental health services.

Carers Commissioning Strategy

- The importance of the development of the carers portal for all carers was highlighted.
- identifying and providing support to young carers (*Carers Commissioning Strategy*);

Adults and Long Term Conditions Commissioning Strategy

- The Board questioned the reasoning for the categorisation of 'adult services' (ages 18-64) and 'older adult services' (age 65+), particularly in the light of the increase state pension age.

Adult Safeguarding; Wellbeing; and Protecting the Public Commissioning Strategies

- There were no specific comments on these three commissioning strategies.

Scrutiny Committee Remits

Although certain services and contracts are under the remit of a particular scrutiny committee, some items inevitably impact on other scrutiny committees. For example the public health services commissioned by the County Council (*Wellbeing Commissioning Strategy*) are under the remit of the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, but are also of interest to the Health Scrutiny Committee. Issues covering two or more scrutiny committees are managed by the Board.

Performance Information

The Board was advised that the performance information at the end of each highlight report for quarter 3 (2018-19) had already been considered in detail by the Board on 28 February 2019; and by the two relevant overview and scrutiny committees (Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 27 February; and Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee on 12 March 2019).

This report is not a 'performance' item and the performance information (on pages 21, 25, 30, 34, 39 and 43 of the Executive report) is therefore included for background information only. Quarter 4 performance will be considered by the Board 27 June 2019. In addition, detailed quarter 4 performance for these commissioning strategies will also be considered by the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 3 July; and the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee on 23 July 2019.