



West Yorkshire & Harrogate (WY&H) Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups Summary of key decisions - Meeting in public, Tuesday 7th July 2020

Chair's update
<p>The Chair noted that since the last meeting in January, health and care partners had been dealing with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Chair thanked staff for their hard work and commitment. The Chair also noted changes in the commissioning landscape. Bradford and Craven CCGs had merged to form a single CCG and Harrogate CCG had merged to form North Yorkshire CCG, which was now an associate member of the Committee.</p>
Joint Committee governance
<p>The Committee considered a governance update, noting that a revised Memorandum of Understanding and work plan had been circulated to the CCGs for formal approval. The work plan included the delegation of new commissioning decisions to the CCG. CCG mergers meant that the PPI Assurance Group now had a core membership of only 5 and there was a need to consider its role and membership, including how it might link into other patient and public assurance mechanisms.</p>
<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the 2019/20 annual report and the progress in agreeing the new MOU and work plan. b) Requested a report on the future membership and role of the PPI Assurance Group
Our response on COVID-19: Implications for the Joint Committee
<p>The Committee considered a report on the response of the health and care system to COVID-19 and how programmes had been refocused to support the response. While the specific focus of our work had changed, the Partnership's Five year plan continued to set the high level objectives. The Committee reviewed the summary plans for each of the work programmes where decisions had been delegated to the Joint Committee. The Committee noted that its work plan and role would need to evolve to reflect new priorities arising from the response to COVID-19. It would also need to reflect the development of strategic commissioning across WY&H ('Commissioning futures')</p>
<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the response to the pandemic and the priorities for the next phase of the response. b) Noted that a revised forward plan for the Joint Committee would be developed based on these new priorities.
Improving Planned Care: Programme Refresh
<p>The Committee considered changes to the Improving Planned Care programme. These included integrating the programme with the West Yorkshire Association of Acute Trusts' Elective Surgery programme. Supporting the restart of planned care was a key priority. This included optimising access to diagnostics and proposals for an elective hub which would help local places to manage planned care. Other priorities included a different approach to pathways, featuring shared decision making between primary and secondary care. The Committee noted the critical importance of this programme for improving both access to care and health and wellbeing outcomes.</p>
<p>The Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Noted the integration of the two programmes to form the Improving Planned Care programme. b) Supported the proposals to address access to diagnostic testing and elective surgery. c) Supported the proposals to address referral and support proactive approaches to managing planned care. d) Agreed to take the proposals back into their individual CCGs for further consideration.

The Joint Committee has delegated powers from the WY CCGs to make collective decisions on specific, agreed WY&H work programmes. It can also make recommendations. The Committee supports the Partnership, but does not represent all partners. Further information is available here: <https://www.wyhppartnership.co.uk/meetings/west-yorkshire-harrogate-joint-committee-ccgs> or from Stephen Gregg, stephen.gregg@nhs.net.