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The Future of Together for Health Delivery Plans

Key Messages

- We are committed to the continued implementation of delivery plans
- We will maintain the transparent publication of action plans and progress reports at a local and national level
- We are extending the life-cycle of the plans to 2020
- The finalised prudent healthcare principles will be reflected across all delivery plans (www.prudenthealthcare.org.uk)

Current Position

Together for Health was published in 2011 and set a 5 year vision for the NHS and its partners. The creation of delivery plans for major conditions was an action from Together for Health. Delivery plans have become embedded in NHS and Welsh Government activity. As the plans and implementation groups have developed we are delivering against the ambitious actions and measures.

The plans have proved useful in providing direction to the NHS, Local Government and third sector partner activity: driving transparency and shifting focus to patient outcomes.

We have also seen, in this round of integrated medium term plans (IMTP), a greater integration of delivery plans in the process. The delivery plans enable organisations to provide a level of detail not appropriate to an overarching organisational and population plans. They provide a good vehicle to engage various communities within the organisation and give a profile at board level on specific disease and service areas. The plans also provide an opportunity for a greater level of integration between primary and secondary care focussed around a core subject.

The round of priority setting by implementation groups accompanied by an additional £10 million of funding for some plans has added a level of focus to the activities of the groups.

The outcomes and indicators in the plans have been used to inform the NHS Outcomes framework and where possible we have not sought to include multiple additional measures beyond those we are already monitoring. National Clinical Audit is increasingly playing an important role in the performance and monitoring arrangements associated with delivery plans. For plans where there is a relevant audit programme it is providing valuable data on the quality of services. Clinical Audit has a strong evidence base and has meaningful clinical data. The learning from audit is essential to inform quality improvement.

The prudent healthcare principles are becoming embedded in the thinking of delivery plan implementation groups. The next round of prudent healthcare improvement activity includes work in oncology, cardiology, eye care, primary care, respiratory conditions and diabetes care. Connection to delivery plans

ensures learning from these areas of improvement activity can be scaled to an all Wales level.

In January 2015 the Minister for Health and Social Services announced his priority areas for Prudent Healthcare in 2015 and the delivery plans have a vital role in achieving outcomes in these four areas:-

- primary care;
- workforce and organisational development;
- remodelling the relationship between the citizen and the provider (coproduction);
- and
- over-diagnosis/over-treatment – with an initial focus on end of life care.

The Future

We will be extending the lifecycle of Together for Health Delivery Plans (full list below) through to March 2020.

A refresh of actions and a progress stocktake will take place as part of the annual report at the original end date of the plan. This process will be taken forward by the respective delivery plan implementation groups. This refresh process will enable plans to reflect any new national priorities after the election in May 2016 as well as reflect the Prudent Healthcare Plan to be published in January 2016.

Over the next period we have a number of objectives we expect implemented:

- Wholesale embedding of the prudent healthcare principles in the actions of delivery groups;
- Full integration with the integrated medium term planning process;
- An emphasis on primary and community care.

Plan	Current End date	Implementation Group Chair
Cancer	2016	Paul Roberts
Heart Disease	2016	Judith Paget
Diabetes	2016	Adam Cairns
End of Life Care	2016	Steve Ham
Critically Ill	2016	Steve Moore
Stroke	2016	Adam Cairns
Respiratory	2017	Fiona Jenkins
Neurological Conditions	2017	Matt Makin
Liver	2020	Sara Hayes

Oral Health	2018	David Thomas
Eye Health	2018	Bobby Bolt
Primary Care	2018	<i>n/a</i>