

Transforming community services in Wiltshire

This second issue of the Transforming Community Services bulletin updates you on the latest developments in the fast-moving project.

The first stage Integrated Business Plans (IBPs) from NHS provider organisations wanting to take on clusters of the community-based health services currently provided by Wiltshire Community Health Services have now been received by NHS Wiltshire.

The deadline for receipt of first stage IBPs was midday on Friday 15 October 2010., and the next step is for them to undergo a rigorous evaluation against a testing set of measures. NHS Wiltshire will be assessing the proposals according to important criteria including quality assurance, clinical governance, human resources, performance reporting and continual improvement. The organisations whose proposals meet all the baseline requirements will then be invited to attend an interview on Tuesday 2 November 2010.

The Board of NHS Wiltshire will make a decision on the preferred provider organisation(s) for the WCHS service clusters at its Board Meeting on Tuesday 9 November 2010. The preferred provider(s) will then have 48 hours to respond, so an announcement about the future organisational home(s) for community-based health services in Wiltshire is planned for Thursday 11 November 2010.

The formal assessment process follows three successful 'Dialogue Days' during which senior representatives - clinicians and managers - from NHS Wiltshire, Wiltshire Community Health Services, and all the potential providers met to share relevant information about community-based services. The Dialogue Days and associated

Number crunching

There is no doubt that Transforming Community Services in Wiltshire is a large-scale project. To give you a sense of the scale, by Tuesday 12 October, there had been:

- 1227 documents uploaded to the secure Online Project Library
- 1187 'hits' on Library documents from potential provider organisations (researching key information to assist with producing high quality final proposals)
- 173 formal requests for additional information, and
- 569 subsequent follow-up information requests.

site visits around WCHS facilities have helped equip potential providers with all the information they need to ensure their Integrated Business Plan proposals are complete and knowledgeable.

Looking ahead

Transition planning for the transfer of community-based services to new provider organisation(s) is already underway, and will move ahead in earnest once the preferred provider organisation(s) are known.

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Dates for your diary

- Fri 15 Oct 2010 - submission deadline for first stage Integrated Business Plans from potential provider organisations
- Tue 2 Nov 2010 - interviews of shortlisted potential providers
- Tue 9 November 2010 - NHS Wiltshire to take final decision on new NHS provider organisations into which WCHS clusters will transfer (permanent and interim)
- Thu 11 November 2010 - NHS Wiltshire and new provider(s) to publish names of organisations to which community-based health services in Wiltshire will transfer
- midnight Thu 31 March 2011 - WCHS services transfer to new homes in other NHS providers

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