

WEC rapid feedback to share with partners

Meeting of 16th February 2023

Summary of Discussion

As agreed at WEC in May 2022, we will produce summary of discussion alongside key actions within 24 hours of the WEC meeting, with more detailed notes and action log to follow.

In attendance: Sarah Dugan (Chair), Christine Blanshard, Carole Cumino, John Devapriam, Vivek Khashu, Hollie Hastings, Ruth Lemiech, Sally Moyle (part meeting), Jo Newton, Tanya Richardson, Jo Ringshall, Simon Trickett, Roy Williams, Elizabeth Davies Ward, Christine Blanshard, Roy Williams.
(In attendance Harriet Brown, Anita Roberts, Amy Neary, Jonathan Swallow)

Update on actions:

Worcestershire GP out of hours procurement and review of urgent care workshop is on 7th March, 12-2pm.
Discussion regarding what VCSE data would be most useful for inclusion in the IPR.
Simon Trickett shared that he will be meeting with Roger Brittain who has recently been elected chair of the VCSE Alliance.

Health and Housing Update

Harriet Brown updated on her exploratory work since appointment and outlined her work programme. The health and housing services system is complex to navigate and a joined-up approach across the whole pathway is lacking. An example would be when property adaptations are required to support people to live independently at home, where hidden delays e.g. approvals required from Landlords / District Councils impact on lengths of stay. There are some significant opportunities for further integration, for example with the forthcoming procurement of the Promoting Independent Living contract. There are opportunities around the Disabled Facilities Grants; Districts rarely spend their full allocation, hampered by the framework for resource deployment.
Data collection and recording is a pervasive problem, exacerbated by lack of understanding of the definition of 'homelessness'. Harriet shared that 60% of owner occupiers who need aids and adaptations don't go ahead with the required work, and this is likely to be adding to pressure on services.
Harriet has supported the development of a professional portal to ensure that the services that are available to support those with mental ill health are promoted.

Stroke Service Models - revalidation

Anita updated the group that the Stroke programme had revisited the preconsultation engagement done a few years ago with a view to strengthening the models and optimising the role that digital technology could play. Following these, an evaluation panel will be convened to decide which models will be put forward to full consultation. Anita reassured WEC members that a whole pathway approach will be taken and will include prevention.

<p>The outcome of the next stage will be reported through to Worcestershire CPF and on to WEC through that route.</p>
<p>Commitment to Carers</p> <p>Amy Neary took the group through the different approaches being taken to the commitments. There is an opportunity to self-assess our progress against a maturity matrix which the Carers' Reference Group are taking forward. Carole commented that supporting carers is a health inequalities issue as the census data for Worcestershire shows that although there is a decrease in the overall number of carers, there are more carers living in deprived areas of the county and an increase in carers aged 85+.</p>
<p>Primary Care Networks</p> <p>Hollie updated the group that a highlight report will be shared with minutes. The GP overflow and acute respiratory hubs will run to the end of March and are seeking support to continue to provide additional primary care appointments. General Practice Worcestershire is continuing to come together and an inaugural Board meeting for the group is planned for the end of March. We're anticipating that all practices will join the new countywide GP Federation from the end of March. There is a positive picture from the primary care workforce where, with the notable exception of GPs, we have seen an increase in all workforce posts. Hollie noted that following the successful District Collaborative showcase last week, system partners need to consider how support to District Collaboratives is best organised.</p>
<p>Clinical Leadership</p> <p>Roy mentioned that he was working with ICB Medical Director Will Taylor to take forward some developmental work for CPF supported by the NHS Elect team. CPF has had some good clinical conversations, and the inequalities work on the acute waiting list generated a lot of interest and this is being matched with primary care data and will feed back to CPF</p>
<p>Integrated Performance report</p> <p>A combination of national planning requirements with short deadlines and impact of strike action has meant that there is no IPR for review this month. Jo Newton updated the group on progress around elective care and cancer and notes that industrial action provides an additional risk to delivery of the challenging targets. The average length of stay has increased by 1.33 days since last year, with a bigger increase seen in pathway one. The urgent care system continues to be under pressure and the Home First meeting has had to be cancelled again due to system pressures.</p>
<p>Place Director's Report</p> <p>Ruth pulled out some highlights from her report which has been designed to give brief updates on a range of place developments. The Integrated Primary and Community Services meeting is progressing well and beginning to look at levelling up across the Neighbourhood Teams. Place is also taking on leadership of the GP and Acute meeting, to generate stronger local ownership. A mobile prevention response unit proposal is being developed, supported by funding from a range of sources. Clinical engagement at place will support the proposal, with CD engagement happening next week and a CPF discussion at the end of the month. The link to the draft Integrated Care strategy was shared and WEC members were encouraged to review and feedback.</p> <p>The bring forward plan for WEC includes an update on the implementation community paediatrics mitigation plan that we received in January, developments in the infant mortality workstream and a place lens on the Digital developments that are supporting local service developments</p>

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