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Report to Partnership Review Committee from Cllr Sue Ellington – Health Champion

For the period July to October 16th

I have attended Health and Wellbeing Board meetings and development days; Health Committee meetings and sub group meetings focusing on mental health and long term conditions during this period. Obviously there was some duplication so I will summarise the key issues.

The Older Persons Contract

This was awarded to Uniting Care Partnership on October 1st and contracts were signed at the end of October. This company includes representation from Addenbrookes NHS Trust and the local Mental Health Trust and is currently based at Fulbourn. UCP will establish contracts with all providers to meet the specification and recognise the need to address staff communications and inform the public.

The next 6 months are the mobilisation process to put in place the infrastructure to commence in April 2015. Clearly there are many questions to be answered so briefing sessions are planned early in the new year for Councillors and the interested parties. The Health Committee subcommittee will be scrutinising progress. I have particularly asked to look at voluntary and District services which will be key in the move to create community based services.

Better Care Fund

This saga progresses. Members will remember that this £37.5 million fund was to be created from various sources in the NHS including the acute sector (primarily hospitals) and organisations were asked to identify schemes to provide community based services which would reduce hospital stay. Concerns were raised about the impact on hospitals and the guidance was finally reviewed to focus entirely on the reduction of emergency admissions. Cambridgeshire was required to reduce emergency admissions by 3.5% but as there is a current recorded increase in Cambridgeshire this would represent a 6% reduction. The Health and Wellbeing Board asked to reduce this expectation to 1% and the final document was submitted on September 16th. Failure to achieve the 1% will result in a loss of bonus which will be given to the acute sector. I heard that the submission has been accepted subject to conditions when I met Government Cabinet Officers to discuss progress on November 5th.

Mental Health

There is now a personality disorders pathway which incorporates plans to ring fence the budget including Lifeworks and working with Healthwatch to achieve equity.

NHS England

This is the organisation which manages GP surgeries and specialist service, among others. They are currently being reorganised so more changes are anticipated.