

Update on Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting – 17th October 2013

1. The Board was asked to approve the Section 256 Transfer of Social Care money amounting to over £8 million. It was stated that this money would be spent on :

- Provision of community equipment and adaptations
- provision of telecare equipment
- availability of integrated crisis and rapid response services
- Maintaining current eligibility criteria
- Development of Reablement services
- Bed-based interim and intermediate care services
- Early supported hospital discharge into ICT /Reablement schemes
- Mental health services
- preventative services
- Support for carers
- Extra care sheltered services

There is also a £200m of funding to be divided across the country for closer integration between Health and Social care. Unfortunately the funding criteria has not yet been specified but the decision has to be taken by March 14th 2014.

Concern was expressed, by the District Members, that there had been no consultation regarding the amounts of money to be spent on each priority, how the proposals were to be worked up or whether the Districts could work up proposals for new ways of providing the service in a cost effective and efficient manner.

It was agreed that urgent meetings would be sought and a transparent financial statement would be prepared for the next meeting.

2. The Winterbourne View Stocktake. This included an assessment of all facilities and provisions for people with a Learning Disability or Autism. The questionnaire had been provided by Government and included a self assessment tool. The report was satisfactory. Concern was expressed that there was no independent assessment as perspectives can differ.

3. Health and Wellbeing Strategy Update. A detailed progress report identified initial actions. An example of key actions is to concentrate on the development of community facilities and preventing ill health measures for the elderly and changing the focus for acute services. Currently the hospitals get paid for an admission. This needs to change so that they are paid to prevent or reduce admissions. This will only be achieved with the support and help of all health and wellbeing partners but must be best for the residents of South Cambs.

4. Commissioning . The CCG emphasised that their strategy was in line with the Health and Wellbeing strategy and that they were commissioning service to facilitate those outlined above. The HWBB asked for a report of their timescales and risks for the next meeting.

There will be a development day in December and the next meeting is January.

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