



Health Scrutiny Panel

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Report title	Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group Decommissioning And Disinvestment Policy	
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Report to be/has been considered by	WCCG Public Governing Body Meeting	

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Health Scrutiny Panel is asked to note, review and comment on the report.

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Panel with the Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group (WCCG) Decommissioning and Disinvestment Policy.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 At the private WCCG Governing Body (GB) meeting on Tuesday 11 November, it was agreed that a WCCG Efficiency Review Group (ERG) would be established on a task and finish basis to review expenditure - this work would be completed in as short a timescale as possible.
- 2.2 To ensure that resources are consistently directed to the highest priority areas, the CCG has developed a "Decommissioning and Disinvestment Policy". The policy sets out the agreed principles that the CCG will follow when decommissioning or disinvesting a service(s).
- 2.3 WCCG faces financial pressures and must act accordingly to protect health care service and ensure that the tax payer funding is as effectively used as possible.

3.0 Progress

- 3.1 The policy was approved at the WCCG Public Governing Body meeting on the Tuesday 9 December 2014. A WCCG communications approach has begun to ensure that all stakeholders are aware of the policy and the impact of the current procedures that the CCG will be undertaking to review expenditure.
- 3.2 By documenting the decommissioning and disinvestment process, the CCG is:
- Setting out the agreed principles for decommissioning / disinvesting a service (so that funds can be redirected where appropriate)
 - Clearly defining the process that will be followed, when approval has been given to decommissioning / disinvesting a service(s)
 - Defining the clear lines of accountability and responsibility throughout the process
- 3.3 The disinvestment and decommissioning policy is to be applied when making both clinical and non-clinical disinvestment and decommissioning decisions.

4.0 Financial implications

4.1 The CCG has a strategic plan that is transformational in its intentions; however, this level of change will take time. The establishment of the ERG has prompted immediate actions to protect the resources of the CCG, so that short term stability can be achieved whilst longer term change is initiated and embedded.

4.2 There is an immediate and substantial risk that the CCG will fail to meet its financial targets for 2015/16 and will overspend in a number of its budget areas. This undermines the foundation for the financial position in future years and potentially destabilises the CCG's commissioning strategy.

4.3 Whilst the CCG is forecasting that it will meet its 2014/15 expenditure limit, in doing so it will consume a significant amount of its recurrent reserves. This carries increased pressures into future financial years and impacts on sustainability in the medium to long term.

5.0 Legal implications

5.1 Consultation and engagement will be undertaken in line with the decommissioning and disinvestment process and in line with our legal duties.

6.0 Equalities implications

6.1 Equality Impact Assessments will be completed with each ERG recommendation to the Governing Body.

7.0 Environmental implications

N/A

8.0 Human resources implications

N/A

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

N/A

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 The attached policy was agreed at the WCCG Public Governing Body on the Tuesday 9 December 2014.