



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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Subject: Coventry Criminal Justice Liaison and Diversion Service

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on the implementation of the Coventry Criminal Justice Liaison and Diversion Service following consideration at previous board meetings.
- 1.2 To inform board members about strategic and operational actions relating to the Coventry Criminal Justice Liaison and Diversion Trial Scheme.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board note the progress to date on the implementation of the Coventry Criminal Justice Liaison and Diversion Trial Scheme.
- 2.2 That the Board request a further update on progress and outcomes.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The overlap between mental health and criminal justice is a national priority. Minister of State for Care and Support, Norman Lamb, MP has spoken of his strong support for Liaison and Diversion Services.

“Too often people with mental health illnesses who come into contact with the criminal justice system are only diagnosed when they reach prison. We want to help them get the right support and treatment as early as possible. Diverting the individual away from offending and helping to reduce the risk of more victims suffering due to further offences benefits everyone.” Press release, NHS England, 4th January 2014.

- 3.2 The Coventry Criminal Justice Liaison and Diversion Trial Scheme was commissioned in April 2014 from NHS England. It followed a £25 million investment into Liaison and Diversion Services following an outline business case supported by Department of Health, Home Office, Ministry of Justice, Her Majesty Court and Tribunal Service, Youth Justice Board and NHS England.
 - 3.3 Coventry is one of ten national trial sites and the only site operating to the national service specification in the West Midlands.
 - 3.4 The service is delivered according to a standardised national operating model developed by NHS England and the Offender Health Collaborative.
 - 3.5 The service has built on the success of established multi agency partnerships between West Midlands Police, West Midlands Ambulance Service and University Hospital Coventry and Warwickshire including operational arrangements for Place of Safety and Mental Health Act responsibilities.
 - 3.6 NHS England is committed to delivering Liaison and Diversion Services nationally. Further commissioning will see 50% of the country covered by 2015/16. Dependent on full business case approval by HM Treasury all areas are expected to be covered by 2017/18.
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4 Key issues

4.1 Governance

A multi-agency strategic Programme Board has been established in Coventry to oversee the implementation of the Trial Scheme. Chaired by Josie Spencer, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Operations, Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust (CWPT), and attended by representatives from West Midlands Police, Coventry City Council, Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group, Public Health, Courts, Youth Offending, NHS England and the Centre for Health and Justice/Institute of Mental Health.

The Board is responsible for multi-agency oversight and governance of the project. The Programme Board has agreed reporting arrangements with other strategic boards in the City, for example, Coventry's Health and Wellbeing Board, Coventry Police and Crime Board, to ensure the project links effectively to other initiatives and service developments within the City.

A Multi-Agency Operational Group has also been developed to support service roll-out and daily practice, building on close existing working relationships across agencies.

4.2 Partnership Working

Strong local partnerships and shared commitment to the project between health, city council and criminal justice agencies have been a key factor in the successful implementation of the Trial Scheme in Coventry.

Local operational arrangements for the Trial Scheme place an emphasis on co-location with police and probation to increase effectiveness of service and strengthened partnership working.

4.3 The ethos of the scheme closely mirrors the Trust's Vision and Values. The aim of the Trial Scheme is to improve individual's wellbeing in line with developing best practice, which places the Trust at the forefront of establishing an evidence based model.

4.4 Extended team

Leads have been identified in operational partner organisations (police, probation, housing, youth justice, substance misuse) to support practical working arrangements and integrate service pathways between the extended teams and wider agency functions. This is also contributing to developing innovative ways of delivering services in partnership with Coventry Local Policing Unit Community Safety and Offender Management Teams.

CWPT provides a number of key extended team functions e.g. in-, learning disability, children's services, primary care and links have been established across a range of services including Secondary Care Mental Health, IAPT, Specialist Services and Integrated Children's Services.

4.5 Expected Outcomes

Outcomes expected from the Trial Scheme include:

- i. Early identification and diversion into mental health treatment for people presenting in the Criminal Justice System.
- ii. Reduction of time spent in the Criminal Justice System.
- iii. Clear pathways for mental health and learning disabilities in the Criminal Justice System.
- iv. Staff across CWPT to feel supported in working with service users in contact with the Criminal Justice System.
- v. Staff across all Criminal Justice agencies will have enhanced skills to identify mental health and learning disabilities in order to refer appropriately.
- vi. Improved risk management of mental health issues across all agencies.

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