



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 27 June 2016

Subject: Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Alliance Concordat

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board with the background and overview of the proposed Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board Concordat and the opportunities this provides for Coventry to work in alignment with Warwickshire to deliver the Coventry and Warwickshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan.

2 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board:

- 1) Agree to a Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Alliance Concordat
- 2) Consider the wording and the principles of the concordat and make any suggestions accordingly
- 3) Agree to work in alliance with Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board to implement the principles of the Health and Wellbeing Alliance Concordat
- 4) Agree to a meeting with Warwickshire Health & Wellbeing Board Partners to formally sign off the Concordat.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The health and care system locally and nationally is operating in an increasingly challenging context. Rising patient expectations, an aging population, the rising prevalence of chronic disease, combined with shrinking resources is putting real pressure on the health and care system. Organisations need to consider how they can take a systems approach to reducing demand and delivering care that is fit for the future in this challenging environment.
- 3.2 The development of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan in Coventry and Warwickshire provides an opportunity for collaboration to tackle these challenges, through shifting the focus of policies and plans from organisations to places.

- 3.3 As The West Midlands Combined Authority gathers momentum there are both opportunities and expectation that organisations will become more aligned and increasing work on a systems approach rather than being constrained by organisational and geographical boundaries. The second phase of the WMCA will begin to focus on service for people and seek ways that can both improve services and make significant savings whilst also reducing demand on the public sector and improving outcomes. Given this emerging agenda and the pace of change there are advantages to Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing becoming more closely aligned.
- 3.4 In recent months both Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Boards have separately taken time to look at their own development and the challenges they face going forward. In April 2016, representatives from Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board attended an integration summit to consider how organisations can work together to deliver care that is fit for the future across organisational boundaries, and across the Coventry and Warwickshire footprint. Colleagues from Warwickshire and our shared health economy have emphasised the importance of coproducing this agenda across Coventry & Warwickshire.
- 3.5 Consequently the proposed Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Alliance Concordat has been developed. It sets out principles for joint working with Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board, with an emphasis on delivery of the Coventry and Warwickshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan. The concordat has the dual purpose of enabling people across Coventry and Warwickshire to pursue happy, healthy lives, and put people and communities at the heart of everything we do; whilst transforming our services and making significant financial savings.
- 3.6 The content and principles within the Concordat can be amended to reflect the views of Coventry Health & Wellbeing Board and colleagues in Warwickshire have specifically asked that we consider the wording of principle 4 *'We will only take decisions that impact on other parts of the system after consultation'*. Alternative wording may better reflect the desired aim of inclusivity and agreement between partners.

4 Next Steps

If and when Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board are happy to support and agree the proposed Concordat it is suggested to formally launch and sign the Concordat at a joint event, prior to the local STP meeting with NHE England nationally on the 22nd July. A programme of more aligned working will also be developed, but with both boards operating within their existing governance arrangements.

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