



To: Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board

Date: 22 March 2023

Subject: Coventry and Warwickshire All Age Palliative and End of Life Care (PEoLC) Strategy 2023-2028

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 The Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System is developing a joint all age strategy for PEoLC. This is a joint five-year strategy which is owned by the following organisations:
- Coventry City Council (CCC)
 - NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (CWICB)
 - Warwickshire County Council (WCC)
- 1.2 The purpose of this note is to brief colleagues regarding the vision of PEoLC for the people of Coventry and Warwickshire, outline the development of the draft strategy and the ambitions for PEoLC in Coventry and Warwickshire, with a shared timeline for engagement and launch.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board are requested to:
- (i) Provide feedback on the draft strategy, the identified priorities and the proposed timeline
 - (ii) Agree to support further engagement of the draft strategy in 2023 and to review the final version of the strategy later in 2023.

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Palliative and end of life care will impact on all of us at differing points throughout our lives.
- 3.2 More than half a million people are expected to die each year in the UK, and many live with a life expectancy of less than a year at any one time. This is set to increase with a growing older population, so more people are expected to die at an older age. This gives us an opportunity to plan and consider people's wishes and preferences for their end-of-life care and treatment.
- 3.3 Approximately 9,000 people died in Coventry and Warwickshire in 2021. Each year, most deaths are in the adult age group though there are a small number of children and young people who pass away.
- 3.4 Within our system 45% of deaths took place in hospital, 30% at home, 20% in care homes and 4% in hospices.

3.5 The Strategy development is based on the National Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care. There are 6 National ambitions:



3.6 The delivery of the PEOLC Strategy will support the ICS partnership organisations to ensure PEOLC is prioritised and equitable across the system

3.7 Coventry and Warwickshire participated in a PEOLC 6 month Getting to Outstanding Quality Improvement (QI) programme. This ran between November 2021-May 2022, the aims were:

- To raise the awareness and profile of end of life and palliative care issues and strategic priorities across Coventry & Warwickshire
- To fully establish the system wide End of Life Care infrastructure and local leadership
- To agree an overarching end of life care strategy for our local system
- To begin the development of Collaborative commissioning model with our local Hospice market to support our strategic intentions.

3.8 A strategy brief for the proposed PEOLC strategy was presented to Coventry and Warwickshire Commissioning Group in June 2022. Agreement was secured from Warwickshire County Council and Coventry City Council to partner this strategy.

3.9 Co-production has been central to the development of the draft strategy and has been achieved via:

- Focus group with carers
- Patient case studies
- Out-reach to systemwide patient participation groups re: PEOLC

3.10 Workforce co-production has been undertaken through a systemwide workshop and a PEOLC survey of health care professionals, along with input from Clinical Leads and members of the Coventry and Warwickshire PEOLC Partnership Board.

3.10 This work has already raised the profile of PEOLC within organisations and with some of our people, but wider systemwide engagement with our under-served communities is planned for June -July 2023.

3.11 4 identified over-arching priorities have been identified for Palliative and End of Life Care for Coventry and Warwickshire:

- **Information** which focuses on identification of people in the last 12 months of life, early intervention and support.
- **Access** to timely palliative and end of life care, with support throughout.
- **Supporting** people diagnosed with a life limiting condition and those who matter to them, carers and communities to prevent crisis.
- **Improving** the quality of personalised care and support planning for people with palliative care needs, including planning for the end of life.

4 Next Steps

4.1 Follow a timeline to achieve a fully engaged strategy as outlined in the accompanying presentation

4.2 The Strategy will be developed & designed for the people of Coventry & Warwickshire as a concise and clear document and will be accompanied by an EQIA and Delivery Plan for each locality.

Tracy Pilcher
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