

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Executive
Council (for information)
Date: 25 March 2015
Report for: Decision
Report of: Leader and
Chief Executive

Report Title

GM Devolution – Memorandum of Understanding

Summary

This report provides information on the Memorandum of Understanding developed between GM local authorities, GM CCGs and NHS England which creates a framework for the delegation and ultimate devolution of health and social care responsibilities to Greater Manchester. It also sets out the actions required by this Council to meet the requirement of the MoU.

Recommendation(s)

The Executive is requested to:

- I. Note the report considered and agreed at the joint GMCA and AGMA Executive Board meeting on 27th February 2015 attached at Appendix A.
- II. Agree and endorse the MOU signed by representatives of AGMA, GM CCGs and NHS England and recognise that it is an important and significant step in the development of a new collaborative partnership for health and social care in Greater Manchester.
- III. Authorise the Chief Executive to bring a report to the Executive in June 2015 setting out how the authority will meet the locality requirements of the MoU.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Background Papers: None

Implications:

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	The proposals would support all key priorities and policies.
Financial	None at this stage
Legal Implications:	The MoU does not propose any changes in legal responsibilities or accountabilities of any local authority or CCG. It confirms that the NHS Constitution and Mandate will still apply and services will remain as part of the NHS or councils. However it also recognises that this will provide the opportunity for those services to be tailored to meet the needs of the residents of GM and each local district.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None as a result of this report
Sustainability Implications	None as a result of this report
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	None as a result of this report
Risk Management Implications	None as a result of this report
Health & Wellbeing Implications	None as a result of this report
Health and Safety Implications	None as a result of this report

1.0 Introduction

1. As set out in the attached report to AGMA/GMCA the integration of health and social care within and across Greater Manchester has been a major priority of GM's growth and reform strategies for some time.
2. This is also recognised in the Reshaping Trafford Programme and the Trafford Better Care Fund which focus on the integration of health and social care and integrated commissioning at a local level to ensure that services are effectively targeted, thereby reducing dependency and supporting residents to be economically active.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

3. The MOU agreed in February will support and enable the authority, working with its partners, to make this a reality; particularly as it has the support of the Trafford CCG, all of the NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts that operate within the Borough and the NW Ambulance Service.
4. The local authorities, CCGs and NHS England have agreed that the next step in the process is the development of a Road Map which will set out what is required from all parties to progress to full devolution of NHS England powers and funding to Greater Manchester by April 2016. The Road Map will also include the development of plans for all localities to work with their local CCGs to produce whole system local area plans by April 2016.

5. It should be noted that the MoU does not propose any changes in legal responsibilities or accountabilities of any local authority or CCG. It confirms that the NHS Constitution and Mandate will still apply and services will remain as part of the NHS or councils. However it also recognises that this will provide the opportunity for those services to be tailored to meet the needs of the residents of GM and each local district.
6. The report to AGMA/GMCA summarises the agreement with NHS England and the governance proposals. It includes the following objectives and principles:
 - Improving the health and well-being of all of the residents of Greater Manchester from early age to elderly, recognising that this will only be achieved with a focus on the prevention of ill health and the promotion of well-being.
 - We want to move from having some of the worst health outcomes to having some of the best.
 - We aim to close the health inequalities gap within GM and between GM and the rest of the UK faster
 - GM will remain firmly within the NHS and social care system, uphold the standards set out in national guidance and continue to meet statutory duties including those of the NHS Constitution and Mandate and those that underpin the delivery of social care and public health services.
 - Decisions will be focused on the interests and outcomes of patients and people in GM and organisations will collaborate to prioritise those interests.
 - Decision making will be underpinned by transparency and the open sharing of information.
 - There will be a principle that 'all decisions about GM will be taken with GM'. This will start on 1st April 2015.

Implications for Trafford

7. As members are aware, Trafford already has a history of strong partnership working between health and social care. We already have in place a S75 agreement between Trafford CCG and the council to ensure integrated commissioning of community based education, health and social care services for children and young people and we have also agreed a new S75 agreement with Trafford CCG to support integrated commissioning of Adult Health and Social Care Services as part of the national Better Care Fund. Our existing S75 partnership agreement with Penine Care also supports the delivery of integrated community based health and social care services for both children and young people and adults.
8. This new development has the potential to extend that joined up approach to the whole of GM and at the same time to broaden it to include the acute and specialist health sectors.
9. Members are requested to endorse the MoU, which will bring devolution of health powers to GM partners and support and enable the authority to progress the integration aspirations as outlined in the Reshaping Trafford Blueprint with pace; and agree that a further report on implementation will be considered at the June Executive.

Key Decision - No

Finance Officer Clearance ID
Legal Officer Clearance JL

[CORPORATE] DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE

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To confirm that the Financial and Legal Implications have been considered and the Executive Member has cleared the report.