

**PERSONAL HEALTH BUDGETS – LOCAL OFFER**

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**Purpose of Report:**

NHS England requires Clinical Commissioning Groups to advise the Health and Wellbeing Boards how Personal Health Budgets will be expanded beyond continuing healthcare and continuing care in 2016/17.

The following paper outlines the content of Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Groups Local Offer, including plans for expansion for individuals with:

- Eligibility for NHS continuing healthcare and children's continuing care
- Children with special educational needs and disabilities
- Adults and children with learning disabilities

The Health and Wellbeing Board are therefore asked to:

- Support the Personal Health Budget local offer
- Consider a future agenda slot at the Health and Wellbeing Board to explain how the local PHB offer is progressing and the CCGs expansion plans beyond 2016/17.

**1. Background**

A personal health budget (PHB) is an amount of money that is spent on meeting the healthcare and wellbeing needs of people, generally those with a long-term illness or disability. The NHS wants to make it easier for people to get the NHS care that best suits them. Having a personal health budget is one way we can achieve this.

Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (MKCCG) currently has ten patients with a personal health budget. All ten have their personal health budget through their eligibility of continuing healthcare or continuing care.

By April 2016 it is expected that all Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) will publish their local PHB expansion offer and that offer must include:

- Those eligible for NHS continuing healthcare and children's continuing care.
- Children with special educational needs and disabilities.
- Adults and children with learning disabilities (Sir Stephen Bubb<sup>1</sup> report and NHS Mandate<sup>2</sup>).

It is also expected that CCGs will explore other areas in order to meet the commitment of a major expansion by 2020 (NHS Mandate<sup>2</sup>).

NHS funding is predominantly committed to block contracts, which in the short term, restricts options for personal health budgets. The ongoing expansion therefore needs to incorporate plans on alternative contracting arrangements that release funds from contracts without destabilising providers.

The Local Offer (see attached Annex) therefore outlines MKCCGs intent for expansion in 2016/17, its vision for PHBs and the lead contact within MKCCG.

## **2. Recommendations**

1. That the Personal Health Budget Local Offer be supported.
2. That the Board be requested to consider a future agenda item that would explain how the local Personal Health Budget offer was progressing and to incorporate the Clinical Commissioning Group's expansion plans beyond 2016/17.

## **3. Key Issues**

None

## **4. Additional Information**

None

Background Papers:

Personal Health Budget – Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group Local Offer (Annex)

<sup>1</sup> Bubb, S (2014) Winterbourne View – Time for Change. Transforming the Commissioning of Services for People with Learning Disabilities and/or Autism published at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/transforming-commissioning-services.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> NHS Mandate (2016/17) published at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/494485/NHSE\\_mandate\\_16-17\\_22\\_Jan.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/494485/NHSE_mandate_16-17_22_Jan.pdf)

