

## **Consultation on Proposed Section 75 Agreement**

### **Consultation Report**

**November 2018**

#### **Background**

The voice of local people has been integral to the development of the Wigan Locality Plan and the Healthier Wigan Partnership. This includes, but is not limited to:

- 3 months of engagement on integrated care (spring 2014)
- 4 months of engagement for an Equalities Impact Assessment on the Locality Plan (Spring 2016)
- The establishment of a Wigan Borough Engagement Group to focus on the Locality Plan projects (2016)
- 3 months of engagements on the development of the Healthier Wigan Partnership and the
- locality plan (summer 2017)
- Specific engagement with the CCG's patient engagement groups on the development of the
- Strategic Commissioning Function
- Consultation and engagement on specific projects within the Locality Plan, for example, Start
- Well, Urgent Primary Care and Share to Care.

The Locality Plan references the establishment of joint commissioning arrangements between the CCG and the Council, and the establishment of the Joint Commissioning Committee is delivering on this commitment within the Locality Plan. However, only limited engagement has been undertaken with stakeholders on the best mechanism to deliver this.

Our preferred mechanism to deliver this is to develop the Section 75 agreement.

#### **Consultation on the Proposal for the Development of the Section 75 Agreement**

Under the rules for the Section 75 agreement, in order to proceed, we were required to carry out this consultation exercise targeting affected stakeholders.

The consultation covered the arrangements required for the work of the Joint Commissioning

Committee (JCC), including:

- for the pooling of budgets
- the setting up of a lead commissioner, and
- the delegating of commissioning powers.

It put forward that developing the Section 75 agreement is our preferred way to manage these arrangements.

Stakeholders were able to give feedback on the proposal and also suggest alternatives mechanisms for delivering this work that they think we need to consider.

This was a consultation on a technicality in joint working and we did not expect a large number of responses.

The consultation ran for one calendar month: 5th October – 4th November 2018, but responses were accepted after this where we were notified during the consultation to allow for wider involvement.

The consultation document can be found in Appendix A.

## Consultation Delivery

Key stakeholders were targeted with specific information being electronically sent to them, including:

- Local providers, including NHS chief executives and GPs
- Voluntary sector
- Healthier Wigan Partnership
- Local Medical Committee
- Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Due to the consultation being primarily aimed at affected key stakeholders, the wider public weren't directly being targeted. However, the information was published on websites and social media accounts to ensure that interested parties were able to contribute if they wished.

## Consultation Timeline

Action	Date
Brief update to Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee	24th September 2018
Consultation approved by Shadow Joint Commissioning Committee	26th September 2018
Consultation takes place	5th October – 4th November 2018
Council Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee	12th November 2018
Consultation outcomes reviewed and considered by both council and CCG	By 20th Nov 2018
Review of report and decision taken on section 75 by CCG Governing body	27th November 2018
Review of report and decision taken on section 75 by council cabinet	6th December 2018

\*Responses were accepted after this date if requested in advance

## **Consultation Responses**

Despite directly contacting key organisations and people, and wider advertising through social media and websites, the response to the consultation was limited.

There were 3 responses from:

- **Chair of the Healthier Wigan Partnership**
- **Local Medical Committee**
- **Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee**

All respondents were positive about the proposals and supported the use of the Section 75 arrangements.

Most respondents went further and were supportive of the closer working of the Council and CCG and the direction set out within the consultation paper towards more integrated commissioning.

One respondent asked for timely updates and involvement “at the earliest stage” of the intentions of the Joint Commissioning Committee with regard to any changes to the way services are contracted in the future to create opportunities for integration and collaboration in the provision of services. This includes indication of any opportunities to fund activity at a Service Delivery Footprint level, risk and reward mechanisms to increase the provision of appropriate services in a community setting, within Service Delivery Footprints and incentives to deliver an asset-based approach.

There was further a request to understand when possible commissioners aspirations with regard to the future state for the Wigan Local Care Organisation, its overall scope and the timeframe for capitated budget arrangements within Wigan.

No respondent raised any objections to the proposal.

No respondent suggested any alternative proposal.

## **Next Steps**

The consultation report will be made available to the public via Council and CCG websites.

The Joint Commissioning Committee, CCG Governing Body and Council Cabinet will consider the contents of this report and the feedback from the consultation when deciding on whether to proceed with the proposal to develop the Section 75 agreement to the arrangements:

- for the pooling of budgets
- setting up of a lead commissioner, and
- delegating of commissioning powers.

The results of this consultation will feed in to any other relevant decision-making body or process.