

**NES COMMUNITY SERVICES ACQUISITION : PENNINE
CARE FOUNDATION TRUST COMMUNITY SERVICES
TO NORTHERN CARE ALLIANCE**

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Background

- Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust (PCFT) in the later part of 2018 announced its future direction to focus on mental health and learning disabilities provision and divest itself of community adult and children's physical health services
- It provides the opportunity to enhance the LCO model within each locality and accelerate the delivery of the transformation of services outlined within each locality plan
- Each of the commissioners in the NES initiated a process to secure an alternative provider(s) of community services, aligned to the respective locality plans. Partners entered this process with the intention of securing safe and sustainable services for each locality for the long term
- In both Oldham and Bury, the Northern Care Alliance (NCA) NHS Group was identified as the proposed host for adult and children's community health services, underpinned by strong partnerships. In Rochdale LCO, it has been proposed that adult community health services transfer to the One Rochdale LCO, with the NCA as the lead partner. Options are being considered for children's community services within the locality (a separate procurement)

System Approach to Transfer

- A joint programme plan has been established and agreed across a four phase approach to achieve a deadline of 1st July 2019 for the transfer of services and staff to the NCA
- The NCA Acquisitions Committee has received a strategic outline case at its meeting on 11th March 2019
- The Full Business Case (FBC) will go to SRFT CIC on 29th April 2019
- The current plan is to transfer services to SRFT from 1st July 2019 with staff/services deployed to locally to Care Organisations. The hosting contract is for two years
- Commissioners to determine future procurement of community services

The Strategy

We aim to:

- Support the establishment of LCOs with partnership service models that maximise the skills and capabilities of a variety of provider partners
- Transformation of community services (adult and children's) to provide higher quality of services within available resources
- These services and the care to patients will not be disrupted in the short term and will allow for the required future change in a planned way
- Patients and carers receive consistent and improved services and staff are fully supported to develop their skills and service models in line with evidenced best practice standards and efficient ways of working

The transaction is being undertaken in response to the request from commissioners, it is nevertheless fully aligned to the NCA's strategic direction, place based plans and 'Taking Charge'

The transaction

- Through the Due Diligence Red Flag Report, we have identified a number of risks clinically, financially and operationally. PCFT has provided us with information to support the transaction and we are working through mitigations both internally and system wide
- We are also drafting a Post Transaction Implementation Plan (PTIP) to establish how will both mobilise services, support locality plans and deliver some benefits for the system
- A number of other documents will support the production of the business case

In conclusion

- The transaction process is happening at pace with system wide support to ensure it is safe and effective
- It is in line with locality plans with some parts led by localities
- NCA is excited about the prospect of providing community services, aligned with the service strategy and reflecting the learning from Rochdale and Salford in delivering effective community services
- We will continue to work closely with PCFT as the main provider of mental health and learning disability services across the NES