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STAKEHOLDER BRIEFING: West Lancashire community health services procurement

Further to our previous updates on this re-procurement of community health services and urgent care services, we have now completed our evaluation and moderation process, and are through the legal standstill period.

We can now confirm that we have awarded the contracts for community health services and urgent care services to Virgin Care.

Our full news release about this announcement has been circulated with this briefing, and is available via our webpage below.

As you are all aware from our previous stakeholder briefings, this process has followed national guidance and is part of our vision for joined up care Building for the Future.

Our local hospital Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will continue to be a major part of local health services and will remain integral as we move towards achieving our vision for joined up care. The aim is to develop and enhance community and local walk-in and out of hour's services, helping to prevent avoidable acute hospital attendance, relieving pressure on such a vital resource. We will continue to enable and support the local hospital to do what it does best, in addressing the needs of those residents who need acute and specialist care.

These services commissioned will continue to be delivered as part of the NHS and will remain free at the point of contact.

Next steps

The next phase of the procurement process now begins – this is known as 'mobilisation'.

This involves a period of detailed preparation during which Virgin Care will work with existing provider Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, existing staff and the CCG in order to develop the service models in advance of the estimated go live date of 1 April 2017.

Virgin Care will also soon begin delivering its own communication and engagement activity alongside the CCG, to ensure they have fully engaged to the community, existing staff and other stakeholders in the local community.

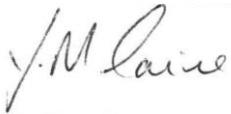
Our dedicated webpage remains updated with our resources and further reading:
<http://www.westlancashireccg.nhs.uk/have-your-say/community-health-services/>

A set of Frequently Asked Questions has also been provided with this briefing.

If you require additional information or have any questions, please contact us via:
myview@westlancashireccg.nhs.uk 01695 588 203.

Thank you for your support with this procurement and our vision for joined up care. We will be in touch with further updates as the process continues.

Kind regards

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Dr John Caine,
Chair