



Better care **together**

A Partnership of Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Health & Care

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 5 DECEMBER 2013**

### **REPORT OF BETTER CARE TOGETHER**

#### **NHS CALL TO ACTION**

##### **Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to brief the Board on the opportunities for local people to get involved in discussions taking place as part of NHS England's NHS Call to Action.
2. In Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR), these opportunities are being coordinated through the partnership arrangements of the Better Care Together programme which brings together local organisations in LLR with a shared vision for system reform across health, public health and social care.

##### **Background**

3. NHS England has launched the NHS Call to Action to engage staff, stakeholders, public and patients in the process of designing a 'renewed' NHS. A copy of the NHS Call to Action document is available via [http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/nhs\\_belongs.pdf](http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/nhs_belongs.pdf).
4. The programme has been launched in response to a number of current and future pressures that threaten the NHS including an ageing population, an increase in long term conditions and demand for services and long term conditions and rising costs.
5. The NHS Call to Action aims to:
  - Build a common understanding about the need to renew our vision of the health and care service, particularly to meet the challenges of the future;
  - Give people an opportunity to tell us how the values that underpin the health service can be maintained in the face of future pressures;
  - Gather ideas and potential solutions that inform and enable Clinical Commissioning Groups to develop 3-5 year commissioning plans
  - Gather ideas and potential solutions to inform and develop national plans, including levers and incentives, for the next 5 – 10 years.
6. NHS England along with other national partner organisations are providing support to clinical commissioning groups, charities and patient groups to hold meetings to discuss these issues. These meetings will provide the mechanism for patients and the public to have a genuine say in how the NHS of the future will look.
7. All feedback from these meetings, as well as national events and online contributions via NHS Choices, will be used to help shape a longer term strategy for the NHS.

This will also feed into commissioning plans for GP-led Clinical Commissioning Groups in 2014/15 and 2015/16.

8. In LLR, agreement has been reached to carry out the NHS Call to Action engagement under the banner of our own major transformation programme, Better Care Together.
9. The Better Care Together programme is a strategic, collaborative, partnership which brings together local leaders in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland with a shared vision for system reform across health, public health and social care. The strong collaborative, joint working relationships and agreed system alignment made possible by the Better Care Together programme reduces the risk that the action of individual organisations inadvertently compromises the overall quality and efficiency requirements within the LLR health and care economy.
10. Organisations involved in Better Care Together are:
  - Leicestershire County Council
  - East Leicestershire and Rutland Clinical Commissioning Group (ELRCCG)
  - West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (WLCCG)
  - Rutland County Council
  - Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (LCCCG)
  - Leicester City Council
  - University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL)
  - Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust (LPT)
  - NHS England Local Area Team (Leicestershire and Lincolnshire) - as commissioners of Primary Care and Specialist Services
  - Healthwatch Leicestershire, Healthwatch Rutland and Healthwatch Leicester

### **Opportunities to get involved in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland**

11. People living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland are being invited to join in discussions about the NHS Call to Action and the local challenges facing health and social care at a number of events taking place this winter.
12. In Leicestershire, NHS Call to Action discussions will be held at the following events:
  - 9.30am to 12.30pm on Tuesday 3 December at West Leicestershire CCG's Big Healthcare Conversation event, Loughborough Town Hall, Market Place Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3EB
  - 12.30pm – 5pm on Monday 12 December at East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG's Big Healthcare Conversation event, The Blaby Hotel, Enderby Road, Blaby, Leicestershire, LE8 4GD
13. Events will also be held in Rutland and in Leicester during December.
14. In addition to the events across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, Better Care Together partner organisations will, where appropriate, use shared messages regarding the NHS Call to Action and local challenges during existing planned engagement activities.

**Conclusions**

15. The Board is asked to note the planned engagement activity and members are most welcome to attend any of the sessions being planned.

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