

## Care and Health Improvement Programme 2018/19

### Purpose of report

For information.

### Summary

An overview of the Care and Health Improvement Programme priorities and key activities for 2018/19.

#### Recommendation

That the Improvement and Innovation Board note the agreed priorities for the Care and Health Improvement Programme and the high level activities that will be delivered for 2018/19.

#### Actions

No further action required.

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## **Care and Health Improvement Programme 2018/19**

### **Background**

1. The Care and Health Improvement Programme (CHIP) provides support to councils in England for social care, integration and health and digital improvement, as well as supporting the Transforming Care programme for people with learning disabilities and/or autism. It is the sector-led improvement programme for care and health, co-produced and delivered by the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS).
2. CHIP is funded mainly by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) with contributions from the NHS for some digital activity and Transforming Care.
3. 2018/19 marks year two of the agreed three year programme.

### **Issues**

4. DHSC has agreed to continue funding until March 2020 based on a set of priorities and our contribution to the Transforming Care Programme.
5. The three priorities are:
  - 5.1. risks and resources;
  - 5.2. care market quality and sustainability; and
  - 5.3. sustainable and integrated care and health systems.
6. The programme includes activity around: market and commissioning, financial risk, managing transfers of care, efficiency and sustainability, safeguarding, prevention and system leadership as well as BCF and integration with digital transformation embedded across the work streams.
7. The following additional funding was also secured to:
  - 7.1. Support systems to manage transfers of care by bringing together national partners to co-produce and co-deliver a support offer for councils and health partners experiencing challenges around delayed transfers of care and patient flow. This includes both a bespoke offer and universal support through national and regional events, access to an evidence base and weekly data collection and analysis. In addition, we are delivering an enhanced offer of diagnostic and sustainability support for the nine systems (across HWB footprints) which are experiencing the most challenges.

- 7.2 Support councils implement their ambitions for the Better Care Fund, including a Better Care Adviser Support Programme for the Better Care Support Team. This will also facilitate any BCF graduation support required and progress more advanced or integrated care systems.
8. Similarly we negotiated a further three years' funding from NHS Digital to continue the [Social Care Digital Innovation Programme](#) into 2020/21. Designed to help councils develop local digital solutions to improve social care, the first wave of the programme in 2017/18 funded 19 innovative proposals. For 2018/19 a further 12 councils have been selected with proposals based around: efficiency and strengths-based approaches; managing markets and commissioning; and sustainable and integrated health care systems.
9. Workforce was identified as a key issue for councils and at regional level. No additional funding was available and including this in the programme would have required de-prioritisation elsewhere. Negotiations with DHSC established that workforce Skills for Care is the responsible body in this area and CHIP should support its lead. Workforce activity will only be picked up where it is a significant part of our commissioning and integration activity. We are working closely with the LGA Workforce Team to address any workforce issues that arise.

### **Implications for Wales**

10. There are no implications for Wales. Programme funding covers England only.

### **Financial Implications**

11. DHSC has agreed to continue funding until March 2020, although with a reducing budget.
12. The Transforming Care work is due to close by 31 March 2019.

### **Appendices**

13. Appendix 1 – Care and Health Improvement Programme 2018/19 Update

### **Next steps**

14. That the Improvement and Innovation Board note the agreed priorities for the Care and Health Improvement Programme and the high level activities that will be delivered for 2018/19.