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Transforming Community Services – notification of decision

I am writing to you to inform you of the outcome of the Board meeting that was held at 3pm Monday 8th March. NHS Halton and St Helens convened a private Extraordinary Board meeting to consider the outcome of the evaluation process and consider the proposals put forward by the specially convened evaluation team.

The Board decided that the option which had the greatest potential to deliver transformational change and significantly improve quality, effectiveness and productivity is the **pathway specific allocation of services**. In arriving at this conclusion the evaluation panel and the Board took account of the track record of providers, the proposals that were submitted on the day and also the additional information that providers made available.

I am therefore pleased to inform you that the Board supported a proposal that Halton Borough Council has been identified as the preferred provider for the provision of **Health and Wellbeing Services, Children and Families Services (excluding community midwifery, community paediatrics and audiology) and Rehabilitation and Long Term Neurological Conditions**. In arriving at this decision the Board expressed their expectation that both Local Authorities would work closely together so that patients have access to equitable services across Runcorn, Widnes and St Helens. The Board also recognised the value of the services provided by the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Sports Sector and in your role as lead contractor for the above services you will be required to commit to ensuring a percentage of the value of the services will be delivered by them.

The decision of the Board is summarised in the table overleaf.

TCS Pathway	Health and Wellbeing	Children and Families	Acute Care Closer to Home	Rehab and LTNC	Long Term Conditions	End of Life Care	Mental Health
First Preference	Halton Borough Council (HBC)& St Helens Borough Council (SHBC)	HBC & SHBC (except community midwifery, community paediatrics and audiology which would integrate better with secondary care)	Secondary Providers (St Helens and Knowsley NHS Trust and Warrington and Halton FT) (will be required to work closely with primary care providers to integrate services around practice populations)	HBC & SHBC	Secondary Providers (will be required to work closely with primary care providers to integrate services around practice populations)	Hospices (Halton Haven and Willowbrook (3 rd sector))	5 Boroughs Partnership
Third Sector	The panel recognised the strength and added value of the third sector locally. In recognition of this it was agreed that the lead contractors identified as the first preference will be required to ensure that an agreed percentage of the contract value will be delivered by local third sector providers						

The following services are excluded from the preferred options above for a number of reasons. Either they did not fit neatly with the TCS pathways as described e.g. community dental services, or they are of a semi-specialist nature e.g. neurological rehabilitation or the service is unique to Halton and St Helens e.g. Newton Community Hospital. For these reasons, these services will either be the subject of a competitive tendering process or some may be aligned to a Community Foundation Trust):

- Community Dental Services
- Community Sexual Health Services (including specialist services)
- Chronic Pain Service
- Neurological Rehabilitation
- Newton Community Hospital

Our decision will now be notified to NHS Northwest who will review our proposals and confirm whether or not they are happy for us to formally proceed. The Co-operation and Competition Panel will also be asked to review our proposals that signal a merger or acquisition of NHS services. We will contact you again shortly to discuss our proposals in more detail.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for submitting your proposals and congratulate you on being selected as the preferred provider for these services.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Burgess
Chief Executive