

Report for: Adults & Health Scrutiny Panel

Title: Commissioning Peer Review

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Ward(s) affected: Not applicable

Report for Key/Non-Key Decision: Non-Key Decision (Noting and Recommendations only)

1. Describe the issue under consideration

This is an update to the Scrutiny Panel, to provide them with assurance that a Peer Review of the Adult Social Care Commissioning function took place in Sept – Oct 2022. The Peer Review Report and Recommendations were signed off via the Lead Member briefing at the end of April 2023. The Report identified areas for improvement and development, which are now in the early stages of implementation via a Commissioning Transformation Project. Jon Tomlinson is the SRO for the project, supported by Rebecca Cribb, Commissioning Service Manager and Alexandra Domingue, Programme Manager. There will be a short presentation to Panel on the Review and the current implementation of the Project thus far.

2. Recommendations

For Members to note the Peer Review and discuss at Panel. Members are asked to consider how they might wish to support implementation of parts of the Project focused on engagement with residents and communities in commissioning projects.

3. Reasons for decision

The Peer Review is provided to the Panel for information purposes, so they are aware of the direction of travel for the Commissioning Team and the projected outcomes of this project.

4 Background information

The Peer Review used a sound methodology received from the LGA, which was developed by the Public Sector Transformation Academy. The Review engaged Haringey staff from several departments and directorates, and members of health, the provider and voluntary sectors.

The Review highlighted areas for improvement and made recommendations across four areas:

- Workforce
- Residents and Community
- Foundations and Information
- Finance

The outcome of the Review has been to establish a Project Plan with a clear direction of travel for the Commissioning team and its role within the Adults, Health and Communities directorate, that will ensure a fit-for-future commissioning function for Haringey.

Once the Project is implemented, the Adult Social Services Commissioning team will be able to engage residents more in both review and development of their social care services. This outcome will support the Haringey Deal agenda, and the Council's wider strategic aims. The implementation of the Commissioning Transformation project will ensure that there is stronger contract management, quality assurance and co-produced services with residents, families, the NCL and health partners. The Commissioning team's transformation will ensure that the workforce has the strategic information to guide and support it, and the data and resource to ensure that commissioned services are achieving value-for-money.

Therefore, it is key that the recommendations of the Peer Review and their implementation are supported by the Council, so that the Commissioning function is fit-for-future for Haringey and its residents.

5. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)

5.1 Finance

Implementation of the recommendations of the peer review will be met from within existing financial resources allocated to the service and as such will not create any new financial pressures.

5.2 Procurement

Strategic Procurement note the contents of this report and confirm Strategic Procurement is engaging with the Peer Review Project Team to support the associated commissioning and procurement strategies to implement the recommendations from the Peer Review and value for money.

5.3 Legal

Not required at this time, as there are no legal implications arising from the report.

5.4 Equality

Not required at this time. Equalities will be considered as part of the Workforce redesign.

6. Use of Appendices

6.1 Appendix A: Slides on the Peer Review

Appendix B: Report – Peer Review of Adult Social Services
Commissioning