

Date: 2 November 2016

Re. Local Care Organisation (LCO) Prospectus

Dear Colleague

We are writing to seek your views on a key element of our plans to transform health and social care services in Manchester.

Making prevention a priority and providing more support in the community, and out of hospital, is fundamental to the city's vision for health and wellbeing over the next five years - and also complements the Greater Manchester ambitions brought about by devolution. This vision is described in Manchester's Locality Plan – called a Healthier Manchester (available [here](#)). The Plan gives details of the city's approach to improving health outcomes in Manchester, while also moving towards long-term financial and clinical sustainability.

In essence, it is the commissioning plan for joining up – or integrating – health and social care services in Manchester. It contains three key parts, or pillars, which will drive the transformation of these services, needed to keep our city healthy. These pillars, which are interlinked, are a Single Commissioning System; a single Manchester Hospital service; and a Single Local Care Organisation (LCO). Both the Single Hospital Service and the Manchester LCO will deliver models of care which span both community and hospital settings to treat people as close to home as possible.

The LCO will bring together community healthcare, primary care, mental health, social care, some hospital services and the voluntary, community and independent sector to improve outcomes for people of this city. It will be the organisation, or partnership of organisations, which holds and delivers a single contract for out-of-hospital care in the future.

We are currently preparing to commission a LCO for Manchester and are seeking your views on our current plans as described in the LCO Prospectus (available [here](#)).

We recognise that we will not be successful in achieving our ambition unless we find new ways of supporting, and working with, voluntary and community sector organisations in the city. You are in the best place to understand the needs of the communities you work with and develop services accordingly.

In view of this, we would be grateful if you would read the Prospectus and comment on:

- The scope of our vision – Is it ambitious enough to meet the challenges we face? Is anything missing?

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- Delivering our plans – what is needed to achieve our vision? What challenges will we face?
- The role of voluntary and community sector organisations – how can your organisation, and others in Manchester, contribute to the delivery of our vision.
- The reality of integration – what would help you achieve more joined up services in your neighbourhood?
- Is there anything missing from the Prospectus?

Please send your comments on the above issues, along with any other feedback you may have, to communicationsmanchester@nhs.net by 2 January 2017. Responses will be analysed and considered with a final version being presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in January for confirmation and to agree next steps.

Whilst this exercise seeks comments on the form of the proposed LCO, and how it will work in an integrated way with other organisations, we will also be engaging with local people on a range of care models over the coming months. These will set the blueprint for how services will be provided by the LCO in the future. If you want further information about this, please email us at the above address.

Thank you for your support for this exercise.

Yours sincerely



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