

TITLE	National Information Board – Local Digital Roadmap
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health and Wellbeing Board on 8 October 2015
WARD	None Specific
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

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Wokingham the Health and Wellbeing Board have approved the principles of a sign shared record through the Better Care Fund Scheme – Connected Care Programme. This scheme is already seeing benefits with some records now shared (with explicit patient consent) between GPs and Out of Hours GPs, Royal Berkshire Hospital and Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust. As we move forward with the BCF, further sharing of information and the launch of the Person Held Health and Care Records will be fundamental.

RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the recommendation for the production of the Local Digital Road Map based on the Berkshire West Footprint.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

NHS England have announced the expectation for local system to design a Local Digital Roadmap to meet the requirements professionals in primary care, urgent and emergency care and in other key transitions of care scenarios will operate with paper free integrated records by 2018 and that all health and care professionals will be paper-free at the point of care, using integrated digital care records by 2020.

This paper outlines the background to this requirement, the proposed governance and footprint for our Local Digital Roadmap.

Background

NHS England Five Year Forward View set a clear shared view of the challenges ahead and the choices we face to secure the health and care service that we want in 2020. Digital technology, data and transparency are key enablers to deliver this transformed future for the benefit of every service user, carer, citizen and professional. The information revolution can help to close the health and wellbeing gap, the care and quality gap and the funding and efficiency gap.

In November 2014 the National Information Board (NIB) agreed a number of strategic priorities for digital health and care in their Framework for Action – Personalised Health and Care 2020. These priorities include ensuring professionals in primary care, urgent and emergency care and in other key transitions of care scenarios will operate with paper-free integrated records by 2018 and that all health and care professionals will be paper-free at the point of care, using integrated digital care records by 2020. Health and care professionals need to leverage the potential of the digital revolution to support them in delivering highest quality, most efficient care.

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The NIB Framework for Action also stated that local areas will be asked to begin the process to produce a local strategy and plan (a Local Digital Roadmap) for integrated digital care record keeping. Each roadmap will detail how a local health and care economy will create and ensure consistent joined up use of integrated digital care records and the business outcomes they intend to achieve by introducing it, to get the maximum benefit when providing direct care. The key focus will be ensuring digital information flows both within organisations and critically across organisational boundaries. These plans are not an end in themselves. They are an opportunity to encourage collaboration in the use of technology within a locality and breakdown organisational barriers to deliver more efficient higher quality care

The development of local digital roadmaps will be one tool amongst many to help local area in their move towards being paper free at the point of care, enhancing the use of digital technology and supporting information sharing.

By April 2016 local health and care economies are expected to submit a local digital roadmap through coordination by clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) with sign off to include Health and Wellbeing Boards. The first step is for local areas to confirm their governance for the digital roadmap by the end of October 2015, and CCGs will have to work closely with local authorities (LAs) as well as providers and other key partners

Analysis of Issues

For our required footprint submission at the end of October, an analysis of our health and care system based on track record and momentum on sharing, suggest our local footprint, should be based on Berkshire West health and care organisations as such our proposed governance footprint will incorporate:

- NHS Wokingham CCG
- NHS South Reading CCG
- NHS North and West Reading CCG
- NHS Newbury and District CCG
- Wokingham Borough Council
- Reading Borough Council
- West Berkshire Borough Council
- Royal Berkshire Foundation Trust
- Berkshire HealthCare Foundation Trust – Shared footprint with Berkshire East
- South Central Ambulance Trust – Shared footprint across Thames Valley

A clear governance structure to support roadmap development is critical, with representation from all key footprint partners, with governance arrangements are expected to continue beyond April 2016 to oversee delivery; As such it is proposed for the Integration Board to oversee the implementation of the Berkshire West Roadmap.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

List of Background Papers

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