

# HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3 September 2019

<b>Title:</b> Consultation on Proposed Continuing Healthcare Placement's Policy	
<b>Report of the Barking &amp; Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge Clinical Commissioning Groups</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Information</b>
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<b>Summary</b>	
<p>NHS continuing healthcare (CHC) is the name given to a package of ongoing care that is arranged and funded solely by the NHS for adults who have been assessed as having a 'primary health need', as set out in the Department of Health and Social Care's national framework for continuing healthcare (see <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-framework-for-nhs-continuing-healthcare-and-nhs-funded-nursing-care">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-framework-for-nhs-continuing-healthcare-and-nhs-funded-nursing-care</a>).</p> <p>In line with other Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) across England, the Barking &amp; Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge CCGs are looking to introduce a written 'placements policy' to support how decisions are made as to where CHC patients receive their individual packages of care. The policy will also outline how patients and their families or carers can appeal decisions. This policy is <b>not</b> about deciding whether an individual is eligible for CHC – this continues to be managed in accordance with the national framework for continuing healthcare.</p> <p>The key content of the proposed policy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Considerations taken into account when deciding the most appropriate location for a person's CHC package (e.g. at home or in a care or nursing home);</li><li>• Exceptional circumstances taken into account when deciding the most appropriate location for a person's CHC package;</li><li>• How CHC packages are funded;</li><li>• The review process for CHC packages; and</li><li>• The appeals process for when patients or their families/carers disagree with a decision.</li></ul> <p>A full copy of the proposed CHC placements policy along with an initial equality impact assessment (EIA) can be found on <a href="http://www.barkingdagenhamccg.nhs.uk/CHC-consultation">www.barkingdagenhamccg.nhs.uk/CHC-consultation</a>.</p> <p>Dr Amit Sharma, Clinical Lead for Continuing Healthcare and Sharon Morrow, Director of Transformation and Delivery – Unplanned Care, will deliver the presentation at Appendix 1 to this report, which provides further detail on the proposals, and take the Committee's questions and comments.</p>	

**Recommendation(s)**

The Health Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- i. Note the presentation;
- ii. Ask questions of the Clinical Lead for Continuing Healthcare and the Director of Transformation and Delivery– Unplanned Care to determine how the potential changes will affect the Borough’s residents and
- iii. Delegate authority to Councillor Keller, the Chair, to formally respond to the consultation by the consultation deadline (5pm, 30 September 2019).

**Reason(s)**

This consultation relates to the Council’s priorities to enable greater independence whilst protecting the most vulnerable and strengthen our services for all.

NHS bodies have a statutory duty to provide information and consult the Health Scrutiny Committee on proposed development or changes to the provision of health services.

**Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:**

BHR CCGs’ CHC Consultation Document:

<http://www.barkingdagenhamccg.nhs.uk/downloads/BHR-CCGs/Our-work/CHC-consultation/July-2019-BHR-CCGs-CHC-policy-consultation-doc-FINAL.pdf>

**List of Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – BHR CCG Presentation on proposed Continuing Healthcare Placements Policy