

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Report Originator	Strategic Management Team	<i>Fwd Plan Ref No:</i> A16/038	
Wards Affected	St Peters; William Knibb and more generally, all other wards	12 th April 2017	
Title	PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH KETTERING GENERAL HOSPITAL		

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Ian Jelley

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for a framework agreement governing our relationship with Kettering General Hospital and the project work that we intend to do together.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1. The Council has established a positive relationship with colleagues at Kettering General Hospital (KGH) as local partners, which have led to the development of a number of shared working proposals for the benefit of our local community and patients. As such, both organisations consider it helpful to establish a Partnership Agreement.
- 2.2. In addition to presenting the draft Partnership Agreement for approval, this paper provides a summary of the shared working proposals, progress against implementation of those already agreed and further recommendations to continue to strengthen partnership working for the benefit of our local community and patients.
- 2.3. The attached draft document (**Appendix A**) outlines the principles for shared working set out in a Partnership Agreement. The KGH Board has also approved this agreement recently, so this is a reciprocal agreement.
- 2.4. The following are the current programmes of joint working underway or planned; again these projects have been endorsed by the KGH Board.

a) Health & Housing

KGH, Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Trust and the Borough Council have been working closely to identify how, together, we can improve outcomes for patients who are tenants of the local councils across North Northamptonshire and those local housing associations active in the area. Informed by successful existing collaborations, the three organisations are taking a similar approach to colleagues in Mansfield and Leicestershire by initially introducing a role to focus on finding solutions for patients experiencing delayed discharge due to a housing issue across Acute, Mental Health and Community Hospitals (Kettering

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General Hospital, St Mary's Hospital and Isebrook Hospital). Funding for a six month pilot has been confirmed with an expectation that the post holder will be in place by the start of April 2017.

The purpose of the pilot is to:

- Help prevent delays in hospital discharge by finding and assisting with housing solutions to enable patients to be discharged to accommodation suitable to meet their needs.
- Work within Collaborative Care Team(s) in Kettering/North Northants to support people with complex needs to remain in their own home by providing specialist housing advice.
- Co-design and facilitate a learning and development programme to enable health professionals to have sufficient knowledge and understanding of the local housing service and also for housing professionals to be able to understand the health services.
- Identify the scope for further work between health and housing and develop a business case to inform decision-making.

The three organisations also intend to examine how health and housing can work together, proactively supporting people with complex needs in the community to achieve their personal health and wellbeing goals and to avoid unnecessary, non-elective admission to hospital.

b) Supporting KGH's estate strategy

- i) Officers have agreed to provide skilled facilitation of a workshop to develop further the Trust's estate strategy and space utilisation plans.
- ii) Clinical space at Kettering Borough Council offices Currently KGH has allocated clinical space at Kettering Borough Council offices which is used for phlebotomy services. However, this is only used on a part-time basis and therefore there is existing capacity for additional clinical services to transfer to Kettering Borough Council at no further cost to the Trust. Utilisation of this space is currently being considered by the Ophthalmology service and Outpatient team. In the shorter term, KGH may wish to place some temporary facilities in the car park at the Municipal Offices to bring forward this relocation of a service.
- iii) Car parking. KGH is currently finalising the schedule of work to install a car park deck. The Council is helping to mitigate the impact of lost car parking space during the change. The Trust is now keen to finalise arrangements for enforcement of its on-site car parking, in partnership with the Council. A further more detailed Heads of Term is under development to state clearly the arrangements as part of KGH's contract review and tendering processes. The Borough Council is also prepared to consider, with KGH, how it might use its ability to draw down capital to provide a more permanent uplift in car parking capacity at or for KGH, in a way which covers costs and provides a financial return to the Council over time.

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iv) Potential support for off-site shared Accommodation. The Trust has approached the Council to scope opportunities for offsite accommodation. The requirement for space on and off site will be fully understood following the development of the Trust estate strategy and space utilisation plan. Furthermore the estate work stream of the STP will provide an understanding of opportunities across all partner organisations.

c) Shared Apprenticeship schemes

The joint working environment provides greater scope for a comprehensive learning experience for apprentice roles, which both organisations believe is worth exploring.

3. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

These work streams supports the Council's overall objectives of:-

- Partnerships of scope which join up and improve service delivery for local people
- Projects which generate an income for the Council or which provides additional capacity for existing service areas
- Provides help and support for vulnerable groups
- Supports the town centre as a venue for public service delivery

4. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

The Council has worked closely with partners at KGH and NHFT.

5. FINANCE and HR RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Many of these projects will financially benefit the Council and KGH.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

7. RECOMMENDATION

The Executive committee is asked to endorse these work-streams and approve the attached Partnership agreement.

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Background Papers:

Notes of a meeting with KGH Acting Chief Executive in February 2017
Report to KGH Board 3rd March 2017

Previous Reports/Minutes: