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Leicestershire Health economy and Workforce Development Confederation – Whole Systems Modelling Project

Initial Workshop – 14th March, 9am – 2pm, venue (tbc)

Project background

Sign up to undertaking a piece of systems modelling project work that will inform the implementation of the UHL PFI has been agreed by the Service Improvement Plan Board. A Project Steering Group¹ has now met and agreed an initial focus for this work. Of particular importance is the development of a consensus on the nature, scale and timing of impact as services shift from secondary to primary care.

The approach being adopted consists of:

1. Determining the boundaries and key questions to be addressed together with exploring participants 'mental models' of the system.
2. Undertaking any research or local discussions that will inform the policy or performance expectations of the system under investigation.
3. Develop a high level strategic map of the system that will form the basis of a quantified simulation.
4. Working with a small group of individuals locally to develop skills in the modelling techniques and to gather the necessary information to populate the model.
5. Developing a simulation model along with supporting material (report, presentation material and technical documentation) that will be used to inform strategic decisions.

The first workshop on the morning of the 14th March will initiate the process. Subsequent workshops have been arranged for the afternoons of April 22nd and May 27th. Participation in all three sessions will be important to maintain continuity and joint learning.

The objectives for the first workshop will be:

- To discuss, refine and confirm an initial set of project boundaries and key question(s);
- To identify and briefly describe the nature of key areas for potential or known shift between secondary and primary care;
- To gain an overview of the 'whole system', as understood by participants, within which shifts will have an impact.

Similar projects undertaken by The Whole Systems Partnership can be sampled at www.thewholesystem.co.uk. Participants should feel free to consult

¹ Steering Group members:

members of the Steering Group from their own organisation about the project or to contact Trish Knight (Steering Group Chair) or Chris Sutcliffe (Local Project Manager) at the WDC for further information.