

## **Outline Engagement Plan**

### **NHS Oldham CCG Continuing Healthcare Policy refresh 2019**

#### **Background**

This policy describes the way care for people who have been assessed as eligible for fully funded NHS Continuing Healthcare is commissioned to reflect the choice and preferences of those individuals, whilst also balancing the need to commission safe and effective care that makes best use of available resources. Amongst other things, it sets out the circumstances in which the CCG will fund packages of care, both in care homes and at home for individuals with a high level of need.

A review of this policy has been undertaken by the CCG to ensure compliance the new guidance set out in the National Framework for NHS Continuing Healthcare and NHS-funded Nursing Care October 2018 (Revised). To ensure compliance with the Duty to Involve, the CCG therefore wishes to seek the views of affected patients on this Draft Policy with a view to incorporating learning from this exercise in the finalised policy prior to implementation.

#### **Methodology**

The CCG will write to each patient (or in the case of minors parents or guardians) currently in receipt of CHC funded care, asking for their views. This will involve sending them a copy of the draft policy, a covering letter highlighting the significant changes and a brief survey to be returned (also online).

The CCG currently funds 160 adults in care homes, 42 adults being cared for at home and 30 children being cared for at home.

The letter will also give contact details for recipients to ask questions or raise any concerns. The consultation will run for six weeks.

#### **Timeline**

03.09.19 Presentation to Health Scrutiny Committee

09.09.19 Consultation goes live – letter goes out to patients

21.10.19 Consultation ends

07.11.19 Policy finalised by CCG Governing Body, effective immediately

11.11.19 Affected patients written to informing them of new policy and policy placed on the CCG website.