West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS
NHS Trust

Trust Board Meeting
16 April 2015

Title of the paper:	**Transfer of sexual health services**
Agenda Item:	**11/26**
Lead Executive:	**Helen Brown, Director of Transformation**
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Trust objective:	Tick as appropriate: ☐ Achieving continuous improvement in the quality of patient care that we provide and the delivery of service performance across all areas; ☒ Setting out our future clinical strategy through clinical leadership in partnership and with whole system working; ☐ Creating a clear and credible long term financial strategy.
Purpose:	This paper provides a brief update for Board members on the transfer of sexual health **and HIV** services to Central London Community Health Services following the re-procurement of the service by Hertfordshire County Council.

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	TLEC	29 January 2015

Benefits to patients and patient safety implications
The Transfer of HIV services alongside the mainstream GUM service will support continued service integration and minimise disruption for staff. It will be important to ensure that effective liaison services are in place such that patients under the care of WHHT are able to continue to access the clinical expertise of sexual health clinicians.

Risk implications for the Trust	**Mitigating actions** (controls)
Financial loss for the Trust	2015/16 efficiency programme. Provision of some support services to CLCH and Chelsea & Westminster generates a proportion of income

Links to Board Assurance Framework, CQC outcomes, statutory requirements

Legal implications (if applicable)

Financial implications (if applicable)

Recommendations

For information.

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Presented by: Helen Brown, Director of Transformation

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the service transfer of Sexual Health Services to Central London Community Health Services and the transfer of HIV service to Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

2. Overview

2.1 In April 2014 Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) undertook a procurement process for an integrated, Hertfordshire wide sexual health and contraceptive service. In September 2014 the contract was awarded to a partnership of Central London Community Health Services (CLCH) and Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Trusts. The transfer took effect as of 1st April 2015.

2.2 The new service incorporates the GUM services previously provided by WHHT and E&N Herts Community Trust. The tender process did not include HIV services which are commissioned by NHS England. Historically HIV and GUM were delivered as a fully integrated service, following dialogue with clinical staff within the service and with NHS England the Trust gave notice on the HIV element of the service, with effect from the 1st April. Subsequently Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust were confirmed as the service provider with effect from 1st April 2015.

3. Actions to date

3.1 Co-ordination of the service transition has been supported by the WHHT internal working group under the leadership of Sally Tucker, Deputy Director of Transformation. Work to date has involved the formal consultation with staff in respect of TUPE transfer, negotiation with CLCH and Chelsea & Westminster in respect of ongoing support services provision and the establishment of SLA's that formalise such agreements for which the Chief Financial Officer has reviewed and approved prior to submission.

The breakdown of services that we have agreed to provide is:-

CLCH	**Chelsea & Westminster**
Pathology	Pathology
Radiology	Radiology
Pharmacy	Pharmacy
IM&T	Dietician
Estates & Facilities	Provision of archived records
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Chelsea & Westminster have agreed to ensure ongoing Sexual Health Consultant support to WHHT for:-

Consultant advice and liaison service, including in-patient support
Consultant support to Obstetrics & Gynaecology inc monthly MDT
Consultant attendance to monthly joint Dermatology clinics

4. Next Steps

4.1 At the time of writing this paper sign off of all agreements is not yet complete, and whilst the process has been challenging there is a desire by all parties to conclude this process

4.2 As HCC and CLCH have signalled their intention to maintain a 'six month steady state' position through Q1 and Q2 of 2015/16 all agreements have a four month review period agreed within them to allow for the fact that a number of changes are anticipated. These will require WHHT to consider its longer term viability to provide the above services and in some cases a decision regarding whether to actively respond to service tender opportunities.

- Re-procurement of clinical support services. (CLCH have inherited a range of different CSS contracts including WHHT, E&NH and a commercial contract)

5. Recommendation

5.1 This report is provided for information to the Board.

Helen Brown

Director of Transformation

7 April 2015