

Response to Derbyshire County Council

Chesterfield Borough Council acknowledges the challenging financial position Derbyshire County Council is facing over the next few years. We are supportive of the need for a planned approach to change and the need to carefully prioritise funding. We consider the move towards a priority driven commissioning approach to be a sensible one, given the challenges that the Council is facing both in terms of financial strain but also to respond to the increasing demand for core services.

We do however share the concerns that were expressed in your March 2016 Cabinet report on this issue. The report identifies some potential impacts of funding reductions including that there may be a cumulative impact as a result of any proposed disinvestment in the voluntary and community sector. Another key concern for Chesterfield Borough Council echoes your own concerns that these changes and others affecting the sector, may result in some organisations no longer being sustainable and that this could affect the quality of life of people within our communities.

We support the County in your consultation and impact assessment activity and hope that mitigating actions can be developed to minimise the impact on communities.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with Derbyshire County Council, Clinical Commissioning groups and district/borough councils to develop a more collaborative approach to community and voluntary sector funding.

Response to Clinical Commissioning Groups

Chesterfield Borough Council acknowledges the challenges that the NHS is facing, particularly in terms of an increasing demand for services. We are supportive of the need for a planned approach to change and the need to carefully prioritise funding. We consider the move towards a priority driven commissioning approach to be a sensible one given, the challenges that the sector is facing.

We are however concerned about the potential impact on primary care in later years, if disinvestment occurs in the community and voluntary sector. Extensive impact assessments will need to be undertaken in order that the Clinical Commissioning Groups can accurately assess

future implications for primary care services and potential losses to the prevention agenda.

We are pleased to hear that in-depth conversations are taking place with service providers and users to inform this assessment and hope that mitigating actions can be developed to minimise the impact on communities.

We would welcome the opportunity to work with Derbyshire County Council, Clinical Commissioning groups and district/borough councils to develop a more collaborative approach to community and voluntary sector funding.