

West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Delegation of Specialised Commissioning Services to the West Yorkshire
Integrated Care Board

25th February 2025

1.0. Purpose

- 1.1. This paper provides an update to members of the West Yorkshire Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee on the process to delegate specialised commissioned services from NHS England to the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.

2.0. Summary

- 2.1. NHS England (NHSE) has set out its intentions to delegate commissioning responsibility for a range of specialised services to Integrated Care Boards (ICBs). Following the delegation of Pharmacy, Optometry and Dental Commissioning in April 2023, it is planned that from 1 April 2025 the identified services will be delegated to all ICBs including the NHS West Yorkshire (WY) ICB.
- 2.2. There are 84 services to be delegated, with a financial value of £466m for the ICB. We are supportive in principle of receiving the delegation of these services as we believe this gives us the greatest opportunity to join up pathways and make improvements and we are developing a workplan which will set out priority areas for action from April. This direction of travel is also supported by providers of these services in our region.
- 2.3. We have been working closely with NHSE and neighbouring ICBs since last summer to manage the process of safe delegation. The two ICB Board papers attached as appendices set out the approach. The first, from September 2024 sets the scene, the ICB approach and the 'key tests' to be met before agreeing to delegation; the second, from November 2024 seeks ICB agreement in principle to take on delegation, recognising the progress made to that point and the further work to be completed by the end of the financial year.
- 2.4. We will be taking a further paper to the Board in March seeking formal approval to delegation and sign off of a range of updated governance documentation that will describe how the function will be discharged in the future.
- 2.5. The purpose of this item is to share with the Joint Scrutiny Committee the approach we are taking to delegation, and how the commissioning arrangements will function from 2025-26. Update papers taken to the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board in September and November are attached as appendices for information.

3.0. Recommendations

- 3.1. Members of the West Yorkshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the progress towards delegation of Specialised Commissioning to the West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.