Vanguards and the New Models of Care

A vanguard programme has been set up by NHS England to test different approaches to improving service integration.

NHS England published its vision for the future, the Five Year Forward View, emphasising increased control for patients, families and communities; better models of care; and ill health prevention through partnership working.

Five new ‘models of care’ were proposed and a vanguard programme has been set up to test different approaches to improving service integration. Many of the New Models of Care are likely to benefit from partnership working with the sector.

The Vanguards programme is not about a big cash investment: frontline clinicians, NHS staff and local partners will lead the development of these models. Practical support from NHS England will be provided with some small pots of money to make changes happen.

Phase 1

In January 2015, the NHS invited individual organisations and partnerships, including partnerships with the voluntary and community sector, to apply to become pilot sites for the New Models of Care programme.

Phase one vanguard sites respond to three of the new models of care:

- Integrated Primary and Acute Care Systems – joining up GP, hospital, community and mental health services
- Multispeciality Community Providers – moving specialist care out of hospitals into the community
- Enhanced Health in Care Homes – providing better, joined up health, care and rehabilitation services for older people

More than 260 individual organisations and partnerships expressed an interest. In March 2015, 29 sites were chosen to be Vanguards. Each Vanguard will lead on the development of one of the New Care Models, which NHS England state will act as, ‘the blue prints for the NHS moving forward and the inspiration for the rest of the health and care system’.

Phase 2 and 3

A further two phases of the programme have been announced in 2015 (Phase 2 in May and Phase 3 in June). Phase 2 and 3 focus on the following New Models of Care:

- Acute Care Collaboration - promoting collaboration between hospital sites to redesign acute care, making this more efficient and patient centred
- Urgent and Emergency Care - promoting change in the urgent care system

The Vanguard sites

You can view the vanguard sites online: http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurenhs/5yfvc4/ch3/new-care-models/

The North East has four vanguards
1. Northumberland (Integrated Primary and Acute Care Systems)
2. Sunderland (Multispeciality Community Providers)
3. Gateshead (Enhanced Health in Care Homes)
4. North East Urgent Care Network (Urgent and Emergency Care)

**What does this mean for the sector?**

Many of the New Models of Care are likely to benefit from partnership working with the sector. A number of the Vanguard sites are focussed on existing emerging models, some of which seek to make better use of the rich variety of voluntary and community sector services which can support people with long term conditions to meet their health and wellbeing needs.

**What are VONNE doing?**

Regionally, VONNE will be linking up with the North East Vanguards, sharing progress and best practice with the sector. Information will be shared through our regular Health and Wellbeing ebulletin, as well as through the production of case studies.

VONNE are also linking up with pilots and projects including the integration pioneers (an existing project running in Stockton) to understand best practice and potential lessons for sector engagement.

VONNE is part of Regional Voices. Regional Voices’ Health and Wellbeing Coordinators are linking up with all of the Vanguard sites across England: the aim is to establish who is involved as well as share best practice.

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