

Report to Governing Body - August 2020

Title: LeDeR programme 2020/21 - expectations of CCGs in supporting delivery

Purpose of paper: Following the letter from the National Director for Learning Disabilities to CCG chief clinical officers and Directors of Nursing, in regard to the Learning Disability Mortality Review (LeDeR) programme 2020/21. To outline requirements of the letter and report on the current BNSSG position.

For Approval/Decision	For Review	Receive for assurance	Receive for information
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For Discussion

Executive Summary:

Summary of letter It recognises LeDeR is a service improvement programme focussed on reducing health inequalities for people with learning disabilities. The NHS is committed to the LeDeR programme for at least the next five years. As a result of COVID-19 the NHS needs to understand the circumstances leading up to a person's death and whether there are things we can do differently if there is a future wave of Coronavirus. The letter clarifies the expectations of CCG's and sets out national delivery arrangements for the LeDeR programme for 2020/21

Eligible deaths notified to the LeDeR programme by 30 June 2020 to be completed by 31st December 2020 BNSSG is developing plans to achieve 100% completion rate for those cases in the notification period. Additional money is to be made available to CCG's to complete the increased number of reviews due to COVID-19.

BNSSG position is;

Amber – plan to meet but some risks to delivery. The risk is being able to allocate/recruit enough reviewers to complete by 31st December. We have 30 cases notified by 30th June 2020 still to allocate to reviewers.

Mitigation; BNSSG is allocating further resource to offer extra paid hours to reviewers with capacity to dedicate time to reviews on the proviso that any reviews they take on are completed by 1st Dec.

We only have two backlog reviews with North of England Commissioning Support Unit (NECS) which the NECS have had for 5 months so we are expecting completion well within the deadline.

Publication of LeDeR Annual Reports by end of March 2020 CCG's were expected to have published their LeDeR annual reports by 31st March however many CCG's were unable to meet that deadline. Those CCG's who did not publish annual reports are expected to do so by 30th September.

BNSSG met the original deadline and our LeDeR Annual Report was approved in March. It was published and made available on our website in May 2020. We were the first CCG in the South West to publish the required 2019 LeDeR Annual Report.

Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) lead for every LeDeR Steering Group Every LeDeR Steering Group is required to identify a BAME lead to ensure meaningful engagement with well-established local BAME networks, raising the profile of LeDeR and supporting communities to overcome barriers to access services for people with learning disabilities. We are currently identifying a lead with the required networks to join the LeDeR Steering Group in September 2020.

Engaging with primary care to release clinical notes for LeDeR reviews GP notes are an essential component of the ability to undertake LeDeR reviews and without the co-operation of GP practices reviews cannot be completed. Some GP's have expressed concerns about their ability to share patient data. NHS England has written to every GP practice reminding them of the importance of LeDeR reviews. In BNSSG this has not been an issue. Occasionally Practice Managers have not heard of LeDeR reviews but we have been able to reassure them and refer them to CAG S251 approval to permit data to be shared. Our reviewers comment that GP's are especially helpful and readily make themselves available to contribute to LeDeR reviews.

Assurance Rating **Amber** – plan to complete eligible reviews by 31st December but some risks to delivery.

Action Required

The Governing Body is asked to note contents of this report.

Risk and Assurance:	Without organisational/whole system sign up & engagement there is a risk to the ability of the CCG to meet the requirements and sustaining the completion of reviews within 6 months. Due to the numbers of reported deaths into the programme, the system is reliant on providers nominating staff to complete reviews as part of their work. This will affect the ability of the wider system across BNSSG STP to complete reviews as required and embed systems learning from LeDeR reviews
Financial / Resource Implications:	There are no current resource implications identified in this paper. BNSSG CCG has been able to support compliance for the completion of LeDeR reviews using funding from NHS England to employ an administrator and two dedicated LeDeR reviewers. The LeDeR programme is currently funded by NHSE until March 2021 and will be a cost pressure for BNSSG if NHSE do not continue to fund the programme beyond this date.
Legal and Regulatory:	No legal implications associated with this paper
Equality & Diversity Impact – reducing health inequalities.	Learning from themes are reported to the BNSSG LeDeR steering group and this enables recommendations/ actions to reduce health inequalities for people with learning disability to be implemented across BNSSG. The LeDeR programme focus is on improving equality and diversity outcomes for people with learning disabilities
Patient and Public Involvement:	A LeDeR Service User Forum is in place and this provides regular reports to the Steering Group. Plans are in place to widen membership across BNSSG and have shared meetings with the Steering Group. During COVID, North Somerset People First have shared members stories and the issues people with learning disabilities are coping with during lockdown.

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