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UPDATE REPORT ON THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY SERVICES (CCS) TRANSITION PROGRAMME

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update Peterborough Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues on the work of the Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS) Transition Programme.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 For information

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In 2012 Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) advised the Strategic Health Authority that it was not able to support progress to Foundation trust status for Cambridgeshire Community Services. The main rationale was that this would provide flexibility over future service configuration to improve outcomes in the context of significant demographic and financial pressures. The Strategic Health Authority took account of this view when making the decision at the time that CCS would not be supported to progress towards Foundation Trust status.

As a consequence of this decision, and in the light of the developing work on Older People's services as led by the Older People's Programme, it was decided to establish a CCS Transition Programme Steering Group. The role of the Steering Group has been to ensure that the commissioners of services provided by CCS work in close collaboration with the Trust in co-ordinating the processes of procurement through competitive tender and through the agreed transfer of services. We recognise the need to do this in a way that sustains the quality of existing services during what will inevitably be a challenging transitional period.

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (the CCG) and Cambridgeshire Community Services (CCS) see it as critical that we work together to achieve local high quality community health services. There are a number of other important commissioners of services from CCS including NHS England (Local Area Team) and both Local Authorities in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. They are therefore members of the Transition Steering Group.

The objectives agreed for the Steering Group were to:

- identify and decide upon the community health services that the Commissioners wish to see in place from April 2014;
- clearly specify these services;
- undertake appropriate procurement / transfer processes in a timely fashion to achieve new arrangements in place from April 2014;
- successfully transfer the CSS assets (staff, estates, etc.) to new organisations as determined by the above process;
- maintain and sustain the quality of community health services during this transitional period.

4. UPDATES

4.1 Community services for older people and adults

It was acknowledged at an early stage that the future of the largest group of services provided by CCS would be determined through the work of the Older people's Programme Board. The decision to move to a competitive tender process for services for Older People and adult community services means that the outcome of this exercise will have a significant effect on CCS.

Information on the details of progress with this work can be found in the separate report going to this Scrutiny Committee meeting. As indicated in this report we are about to start this formal process with an issue of an Office Journal European Committee (OJEC) advertisement. The timetable that accompanies this advert indicates that any new providers of services would commence in July 2014.

4.2 Community Services for children and young people

Responsibility for commissioning services for children and young people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough changed as from April 2013 both in relation to the CCG and other bodies. There are now a number of different commissioners for these services:

Community Child Health – CCG

Health Visiting – NHS England (Area Team)

School Nursing – Cambridgeshire County Council and Peterborough City Council (Public Health)

SCBU / NICU at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital – NHS England (specialised commissioning)

Acute Paediatrics at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital

In Peterborough the community child health, health visiting, and school nursing services are all commissioned from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Foundation Trust (CPFT). We have a 3 year contract with CPFT with 2013/14 being the final year.

After CCS services for adults and older people which are being addressed through the Older People's Programme the largest remaining group of services are for children and young people.

A Children and Young People's Service task and finish group has been established as part of the CCS Transition Programme. The commissioners of these services have been working together to identify the scope of this work, the options available, and the recommended way forward. Decisions will need to be taken by the respective governing bodies/boards of each of the commissioning organisations. The purpose of this group is to co-ordinate this activity.

The Overview timetable is attached as Appendix A. The initial phase of the programme has focused on engagement and dialogue with a range of commissioners/stakeholders. At this stage decisions on procurement and / or transfer of services have not been made and there are separate timetables drawn up for each of these pathways.

The initial work on developing a vision has been guided by the work of the East of England Children and Young People's Health Outcomes Forum.

“The starting point is how the service is experienced by the child, young person or family – not based around the system, professionals or institutions or the location of services. The aim is improved integration of care as experienced by the child, young person and family.”

The report of the forum describes how Integrated Care Pathways between different initiatives and organisations can ensure that resources are focused in where there is greatest need, opportunities for early intervention are maximised and duplication minimised.

The commissioners have recognised that whilst it may not be desirable or indeed feasible to achieve integration purely through the provision of services by a single organisation they should work together to commission services through agreed integrated pathways so that these are delivered both within organisations and across organisational boundaries.

4.3 Other services provided by CCS

In addition to the above services there are a small number of CCS service commissioned by NHS England (Community Dentistry services) and Peterborough City Council (Sexual Health services). Each commissioner of these services is currently considering their options for the future to ensure that they can continue to secure these services locally.

4.4 Changing Roles and Responsibilities

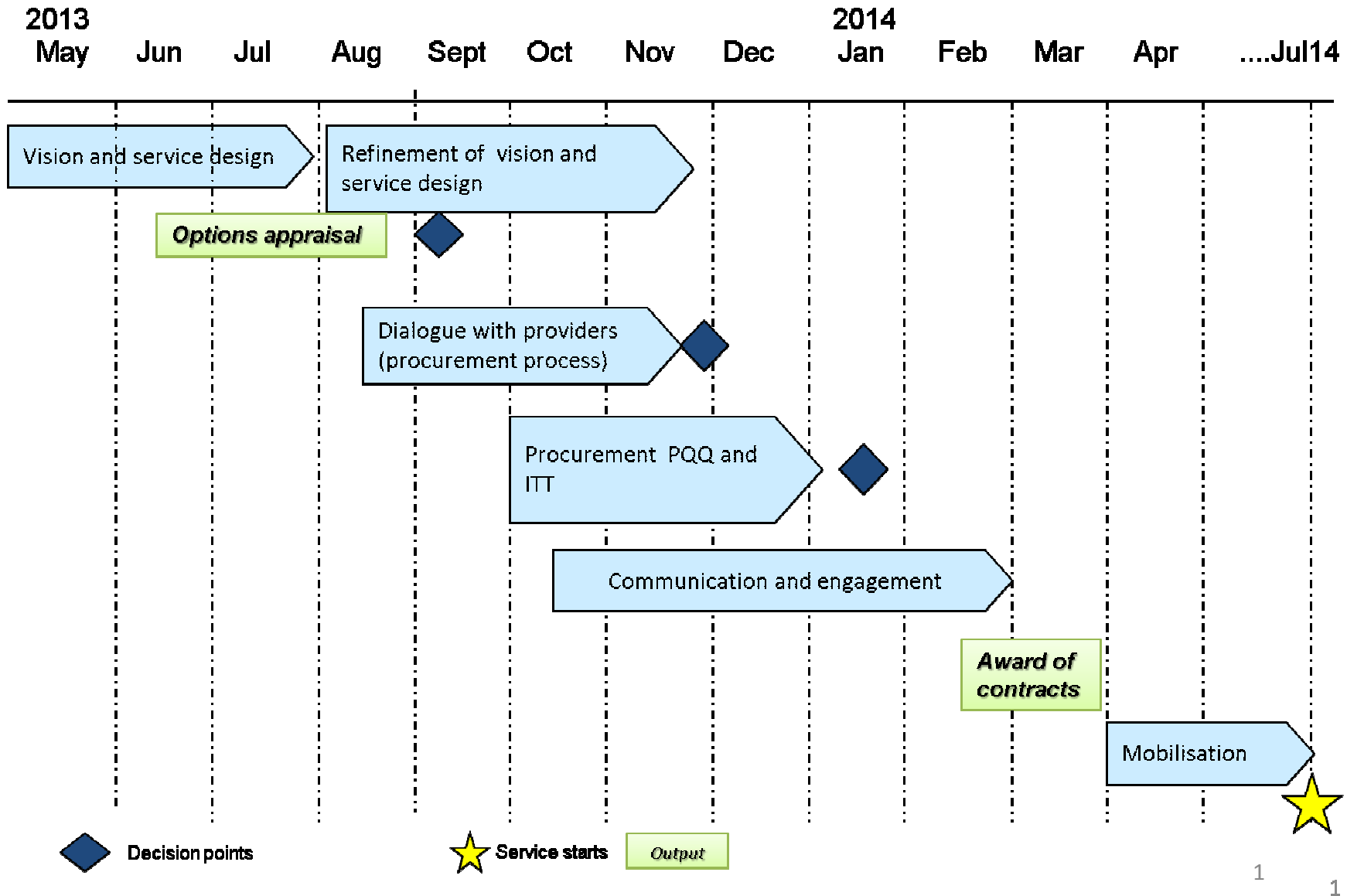
There has been a recent change in the national roles and responsibilities for NHS Trust organisations such as CCS. The Trust Development Authority (TDA) now has the overall responsibility for overseeing the current position and future plans for all NHS Trusts. They are responsible for assessing the current viability of NHS Trusts and determining their future path. They have not yet indicated their view in relation to CCS although we expect to hear about this in the near future.

Whilst this may effect the continuation of the CCS Transition Programme Steering Group it does not change the current procurement plans that the CCG has in relation to Older People's and adult community services, or the work being carried out by all the commissioners on services for children and young people.

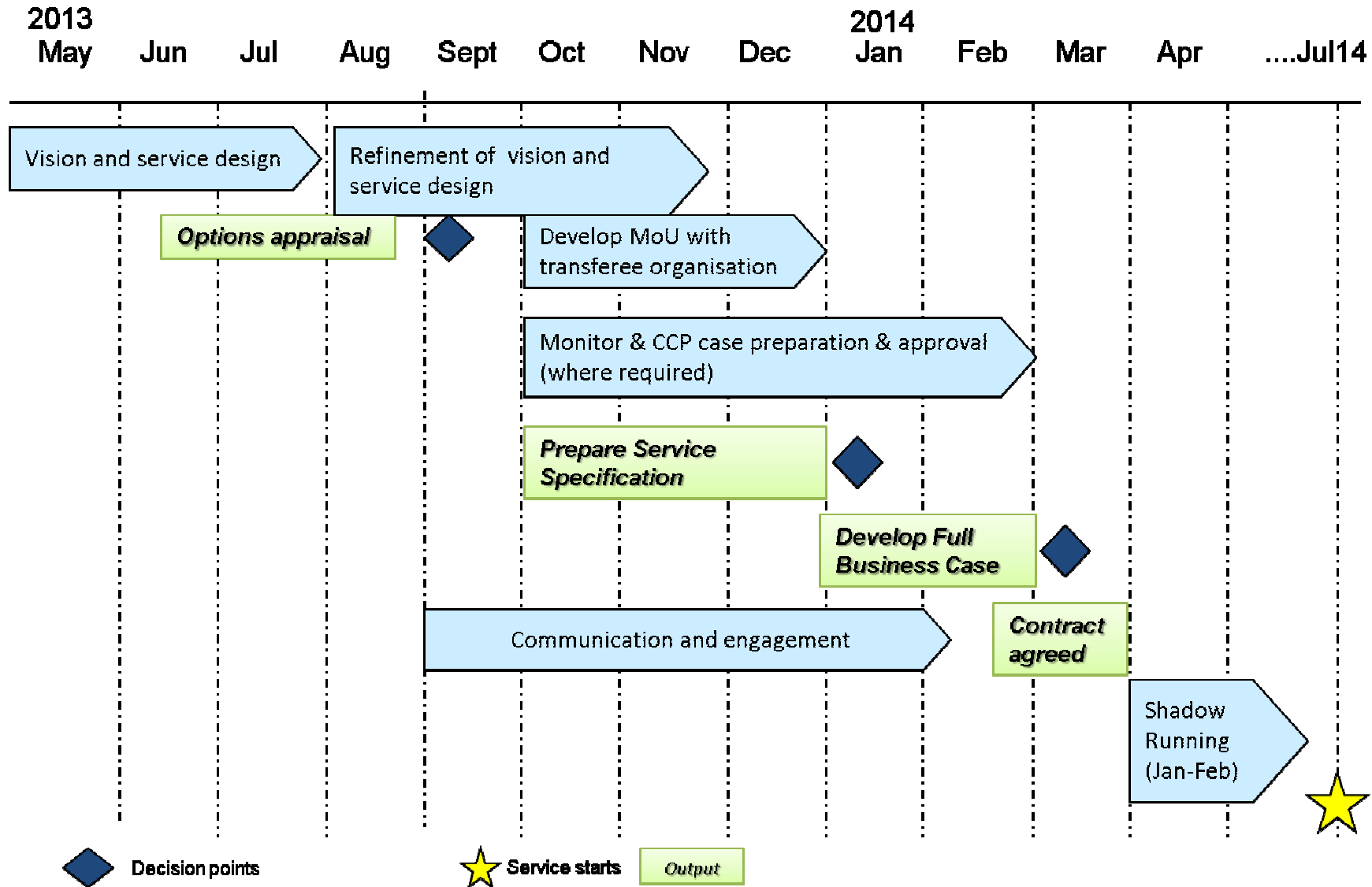
APPENDICES

Appendix A Children's Services Plan

Workplan For Procurement Option (through competitive tender)



Workplan For Transfer of Services



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