
Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 20th November, 2019

Report of the Chair of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Scrutiny Development) Working Group

Feedback from the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Scrutiny Development) Working Group – Black Country and West Birmingham Long Term Plan

Purpose

1. To provide feedback from the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Scrutiny Development) Working Group meeting that was held on 16th September, 2019 in respect of the NHS Black Country and West Birmingham Long Term Plan and to consider the comments submitted to Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in response to the consultation.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended:-
 - that the comments submitted to Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) in response to the NHS Black Country and West Birmingham Long Term Plan be noted;
 - that the Committee considers proposing a recommendation to Cabinet in respect to pursuing the possibility of co-locating the development of a health centre hub with the new proposed leisure centre facility in Flood Street, Dudley.

Background

3. At its meeting on 10th July, 2019, the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee agreed to re-appoint the Scrutiny Development Working Group to comprise all Members of the Committee. Scrutiny Development Working Group meetings are held in private session and are designed to enable issues, within the remit of the Committee, to be scrutinised in-depth and in a less formal setting than the main Committee.



4. A meeting of the Scrutiny Development Working Group was held on 16th September, 2019 and a presentation was provided by representatives of Dudley CCG on the NHS Black Country and West Birmingham Long Term Plan (LTP).
5. The reasons for the establishment of the LTP, together with the ambitions that would be accomplished as a result of implementation and the collaborative working of Dudley, Wolverhampton, Walsall and West Birmingham healthcare providers were discussed as part of the presentation.
6. Throughout the presentation, Members made comments and asked questions and responses were provided accordingly. As the meeting was held in private session, a copy of the action notes from that meeting have been circulated to Members of the Committee separately.
7. Following the detailed presentation and in summary of the debate, Members were of the opinion that:-
 - more needed to be done to address the staff shortage within the NHS workforce and that more emphasis should be made in promoting careers within the health care service at further education colleges to develop a local career pathway;
 - training and retaining good quality staff within the Borough should be a key focus, with incentives to attract staff, such as offering free travel cards and providing local residential accommodation;
 - that consideration be given to the possibility of co-locating the development of a new health centre hub in Dudley Town Centre with the new leisure centre facility, to support patients within deprived areas and to help generate the town centre.
8. The comments made by Members at the Scrutiny Development Working Group have been submitted to Dudley CCG to be taken into consideration whilst producing the plan.

Finance

9. There are no direct financial implications to the local authority arising from this report. However, Central Government have committed to provide additional funding to the NHS, over a five-year period, in return for health care providers working collaboratively to develop and implement a LTP for the future of the services.



Law

10. This Committee has responsibility for overview and scrutiny functions as they relate to the improvement of local health and associated services, as a contribution to the Council's community leadership role, in accordance with relevant legislation, statutory instruments, regulations and associated guidance. This includes the Health and Social Care Acts 2001 and 2012, the National Health Service Act 2006, the Local Government Act 2000 and the Localism Act 2011.

Equality Impact

11. The implementation of the LTP will impact upon all sections of the local community. All partner organisations are committed to ensuring that equality and diversity is reflected in all areas of service provision.

Organisational Development/Transformation

12. There are no direct organisational development/transformation implications to the local authority arising from this report. However, alternative ways of working and providing care within the community would be explored as part of the LTP, together with a possible restructure of healthcare provider organisations.

Commercial/Procurement

13. There are no direct commercial/procurement implications to the local authority arising from this report. All NHS commercial and procurement implications have been dealt with within the LTP.

Health, Wellbeing and Safety

14. The Dudley Borough Vision refers to building stronger, safer and more resilient communities and protecting our residents' physical and emotional health for the future. This includes monitoring and scrutinising the impact of local services on the health, wellbeing and safety of the Borough's citizens. All partners are committed to working together to deliver the national ambitions.

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List of Background Documents

Action Notes of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Scrutiny Development) Working Group – 16th September, 2019 (Circulated to Members separately)

