

**Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee – 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2018**

**Report of the Lead for Law and Governance**

**Feedback from the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Scrutiny Development) Working Groups**

**Purpose**

1. To provide feedback from the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Scrutiny Development) Working Group meetings that were held on 29<sup>th</sup> August and 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2018.

**Recommendations**

2. To note and comment on the work that has been undertaken by the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (Scrutiny Development) Working Group.

**Background**

3. At its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2018, the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee agreed to re-appoint the Scrutiny Development Working Group to comprise all Members of the Committee and for meetings to be convened at monthly intervals.
4. The Scrutiny Development Working Group was designed to enable issues, within the remit of the Committee and that were included in the Annual Scrutiny Work Programme, to be scrutinised in-depth and in a less formal setting than the main Committee.
5. Since the establishment of the Scrutiny Development Working Groups, two meetings have been held on the following dates:-
  - 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018
  - 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2018
6. 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

Members considered a report of the Chief Officer, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group on the changes to Primary Care Contracts.

7. The main areas of discussion following the presentation of the report were as follows:-

- the procedure for closing General Medical Services Branch Surgeries;
- the proposed closures of General Practices;
- Doctor shortages;
- the consultation process for proposed closures of General Practices managed by other Local Authorities;
- the need for consideration to be given when approving new housing development sites to ensure that there were sufficient General Practices and medical care facilities available to encompass new residents.

8. Responses to Members concerns and comments were provided at the meeting.

9. The Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group Officer in attendance at the meeting reassured members that any proposals for General Practice closures managed by other Local Authorities, both commission groups would form part of the consultation process and the needs of the community would fully be taken into consideration.

10. A Health Planner has been appointed within the Office of Public Health to ensure that the wider health care needs were assessed and incorporated into the future planning process, which would address concerns raised in relation to new housing development sites having sufficient medical care facilities available.

11. It was recommended that further updates on changes to primary care contracts be submitted to future meetings of the Scrutiny Development Working Group.

12. 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2018

A Cozens from the Local Government Association (LGA) attended the meeting to assist with scrutiny training. Members considered the scrutiny basics and what made for effective health scrutiny; how scrutiny could add value to complex health and care challenges; how things worked in Dudley and understanding partnership context and governance.

13. The development of the Multi-Specialty Community Provider (MCP) was identified as a topic to help develop the role of Scrutiny and would be considered as a single item on the agenda for the next meeting of the Scrutiny Development Working Group, which is scheduled to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018.

14. A Cozens would attend on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 to continue to provide LGA support and assistance.

15. Future Scrutiny Development Working Group meetings have been arranged on the following dates:-

- 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 - Multi-Specialty Community Provider (MCP)
- 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2018
- 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2019
- 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019
- 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2019

- 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

### **Finance**

16. The costs of operating the scrutiny arrangements will be contained within existing budgetary allocations.

### **Law**

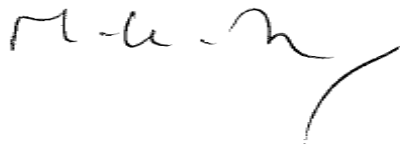
17. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.

### **Equality Impact**

18. Provision exists within the recommended scrutiny arrangements for overview and scrutiny to be undertaken of the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

### **Human Resources/Transformation**

19. There are no direct Human Resources/Transformation implications.



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