

Dudley Health and Wellbeing Board

Report of the Chief Accountable Officer, Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group

Urgent Care Consultation Outcome and the Reconfiguration of Urgent Care

Purpose of Report

1. To advise the Board of the outcome of the CCG's consultation process in relation to the future clinical model for urgent care in Dudley.
2. To consider the CCG's final proposals for urgent care, in the light of the consultation exercise.

Background

3. As the Board will be aware, the CCG ran a consultation process on urgent care from 1st October 2013 – 24th December 2013.
4. Attached as appendices are two reports considered by the CCG at its Board meeting on 9th January 2014. The first setting out an over view of the consultation process and the feedback received, the second setting out the CCG's proposed clinical mode for urgent care, in the light of the outcome of the consultation process.
5. The recommendations in both reports have now been approved by the CCG. This matter will be the subject of a separate report to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23rd January 2013 and there are specific recommendations that the CCG wishes to make to this Board as set out below.

Finance

6. The premise of the proposal is that it will be revenue neutral. However, there are capital costs associated with the development of an urgent care centre. The ability to provide improved access to GPs will be dependent upon support from NHS England as the commissioner of primary care services and moving towards "scenario 5" (see report on proposed service model)

Law

7. The consultation process was conducted in accordance with the CCG's statutory duty to consult, as set out in Section 14Z2 of the NHS Act 2006.

Equality Impact

8. As a result of these proposals, access for all groups to routine general practice will be enhanced.

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the Board:-

- note the consultation process carried out by the CCG and its outcome;
- note the recommendations on the future configuration of urgent care as approved by the CCG in the light of the public consultation process;
- invite NHS England, as a partner on the Board, with contractual responsibility for access to general practice, to demonstrate how they intend to improve this in Dudley;
- support joint commissioning as a means of addressing this issue;
- approve the CCG's proposals for the future configuration of urgent care.



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