

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
15 SEPTEMBER 2015
OUTCOMES OF PRIMARY CARE ACCESS CHALLENGE FUND PILOTS
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the outcomes of the primary care access challenge fund pilots and next steps in rolling out learning across the region.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information provided to scrutinise the implications for patients in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire of the outcomes of pilots to improve access to primary care services.

3. Background information

- 3.1 In May 2014 the Committee heard that Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire had been awarded funding of £5.2m from a national challenge fund of £50m to pilot ways of improving access to primary care. This was to be a 12 month project supported by the NHS England Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Area Team, working with local clinical commissioning groups to test different interventions in different practices. Across the whole area this included increasing access to and availability of appointments through 7 day a week services; new ways of communicating and flexibility in access e.g. using Skype; expanding use of telecare; and joining up services between GPs and hospitals. The aims of an area-wide approach were to share knowledge across the area so that what works could be rolled out at pace and scale; effective achievement of training and workforce planning to support the pilots and into the future; and carrying out evaluation to secure future funding.
- 3.2 In January 2015 committee members requested an update on the evaluation of results at the September meeting. Fifteen individual schemes have been evaluated, of these one scheme failed and five schemes have had funding approved beyond September 2015 to complete robust evaluation prior to making further plans.
- 3.3 NHS England North Midlands commissioned Nottingham University's Centre for Health Innovation Leadership and Learning (CHILL) to undertake a formative evaluation of the Prime Ministers Challenge Fund primary care transformation projects (PCTPs) in their area.

Leads from NHS England and Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group will be attending the committee to provide information on the outcomes so far of the pilots which have taken place across the area, how the learning is being rolled out across the area and the implications of this for patients in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

4. List of attached information

- 4.1 Prime Ministers Challenge Fund Evaluation Interim Report NHS England and North Midlands - Centre for Health Innovation Leadership and Learning (CHILL) University of Nottingham
- 4.2 NHS England CCG Commissioning Prime Ministers Challenge Fund Presentation

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 5.1 None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 Report to and minutes of meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee held on 13 May 2014
- 6.2 Report to and minutes of meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee held on 13 January 2015

7. Wards affected

All

8. Contact information

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