

<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>22 FEBRUARY 2018</b>
<b>GENERAL PRACTICE SERVICES IN NOTTINGHAM</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE</b>

## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To review work taking place to ensure that all residents have access to good quality General Practice (GP) services now and in the future.

## **2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to review the effectiveness of work taking place locally to improve access to primary care in the City.

## **3 Background information**

- 3.1 Primary care is a key part of the local health and care system. Through its work the Committee is aware of the current pressures on GP services in Nottingham and the impact that this can have on both patient experience and the wider health and social care system. Pressures that the Committee has heard about include increasing demand in terms of numbers and complexity of patients and increasing diversity in the City's population; workforce pressures from an ageing workforce and challenges in recruitment of GPs; and vulnerabilities of some practices to quality issues and financial difficulties. The Committee is also aware of the impact that this can have on service user experience, for example in availability of appointments and knock-on pressure through increased attendance at urgent care facilities.
- 3.2 In Nottingham, NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has powers under fully delegated responsibilities from NHS England for the commissioning, procurement and management of primary medical services.
- 3.3 Over the last couple of years the Committee has looked at the processes established by the CCG and NHS England to assure the delivery of good quality primary care; how the General Practice Forward View is being responded to locally; and implementation of the CCG's Primary Care Vision.
- 3.4 The CCG has submitted a paper updating on current provision of primary care in the City including recent and forthcoming changes; implementation of local priorities for general practice, including improving access; work to oversee the quality of general practice; and challenges

facing general practice and work taking place to try and address those challenges.

**4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Paper on 'Primary Care Services in Nottingham City' from NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group.

**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 Reports to and minutes of meetings of the Health Scrutiny Committee held on 19 November 2016 and 19 January 2017

NHS England (April 2016) General Practice Forward View

**7 Wards affected**

- 7.1 All

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