

<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>17 JUNE 2021</b>
<b>INTEGRATION AND INNOVATION WHITE PAPER</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE</b>

## **Report of the Head of Legal and Governance**

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To consider the proposals contained in the Integration and Innovation White Paper and their potential impact.

### **2. Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the proposals contained in the Integration and Innovation White Paper and consider the potential impact of these on the health of the population and local health services in Nottingham City.

### **3. Background information**

- 3.1 The Integration and Innovation White Paper, published by the Department of Health and Social Care on 11 February 2021, sets out legislative proposals for a Health and Care Bill.
- 3.2 The White Paper brings together proposals which build on recommendations made by NHS England and NHS Improvement, with additional proposals relating to the Secretary of State's powers over the system and targeted changes to public health, social care, and quality and safety matters.
- 3.3 The White Paper groups the proposals under the following themes:
- working together and supporting integration;
  - stripping out needless bureaucracy;
  - enhancing public confidence and accountability; and
  - additional proposals to support public health, social care and quality and safety matters.
- 3.4 The proposals represent a move away from the focus on competition that underpinned the coalition government's 2012 reforms, towards a new model of collaboration, partnership and integration. Removal of some of the competition and procurement is seen to provide the NHS and its partners greater flexibility to deliver joined-up care to the increasing number of people who rely on multiple services.
- 3.5 The proposed legislation aims to avoid a one-size-fits-all approach, leaving many decisions to local systems and leaders in recognition of the wide variation across England in terms of history, demography and local health challenges.

- 3.6 With so much to be left to local discretion, it will be essential that local services collaborate and are co-ordinated. Implementation will need to be very carefully planned and managed.
- 3.7 Some of the proposals seek to give ministers greater powers over NHS England and other arm's length bodies and give ministers the power to intervene earlier in local decisions about the opening and closing of NHS services, ie it is proposed to reduce accountability systems at the local level and broaden those of the Secretary of State. This includes removing the local scrutiny power of referral to the Secretary of State.
- 3.8 Colleagues from the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS) and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will be attending the meeting to provide a presentation on the White Paper, to respond to the Committee's questions and to participate in discussion on the implications and potential impacts of the proposals.

#### **4. List of attached information**

- 4.1 Briefing on the White Paper Integration and innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all, report of Dr Amanda Sullivan, Accountable Officer Nottingham and Nottingham Clinical Commissioning Group and Interim Executive Lead for the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System

#### **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 Integration and innovation: working together to improve health and social care for all, Department of Health & Social Care, 11 February 2021

#### **7. Wards affected**

- 7.1 All

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