

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee
11 November 2021

GP Services

Report of the Head of Legal and Governance

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To review GP provision and access across the City.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to identify if any further scrutiny is required and, if so, the focus and timescales.

3 Background information

- 3.1 In recognition of the importance of access to high quality primary care in supporting the achievement of improved health outcomes and reduced health inequalities, the Committee has periodically reviewed aspects of the commissioning, delivery and access to GP services in the City. Over the last few years that have been a number of influences that have affected this, ranging from the strategic drivers of the NHS Long Term Plan, and changes to local commissioning arrangements to the Covid pandemic, which has impacted on access to care, particularly for face-to-face appointments. The Committee is aware that earlier this year Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire published a report about GP access during Covid 19, which highlighted a number of issues around access locally. The Committee is also aware of a number of changes to different GP practices in the City over the last year. Therefore, the Committee decided to take a strategic look at current GP provision and access across the City, and the role of commissioners in ensuring access to high quality primary care for all.
- 3.2 Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has delegated commissioning arrangements for primary medical services from NHS England. This means that the CCG has full responsibility for the commissioning of general practice services, on behalf of NHS England.
- 3.3 A paper from the CCG is attached providing information on access to primary care in the City. The CCG's Associate Director of Primary Care will be attending the meeting to answer questions from the Committee. The Committee will want to use this information to consider whether it is satisfied with the current position or if further scrutiny is required, and if so the focus for that scrutiny.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 'Access to Primary Care' paper from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire 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 Healthwatch Nottingham and Nottinghamshire (March 2021) 'GP access during Covid-19: A review of our evidence April 2019 – December 2020'
- 6.2 NHS Long Term Plan (January 2019)

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All

8 Contact information

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