

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
24 JANUARY 2019
NHS LONG TERM PLAN
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

1.1 To consider the recently published NHS Long Term Plan.

2 Action required

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the NHS Long Term Plan and its potential impact on Nottingham City Council and health outcomes for Nottingham Citizens. Due to the amount of information contained within the Long Term Plan, a further report will be presented to Health Scrutiny Committee in February or March 2019 to consider more detailed recommendations from the Committee.

3 Background information

3.1 The NHS published its Long Term Plan on 9 January 2019. It sets out the direction of the NHS over the next ten years, including a focus on integration, and looks at how the NHS will spend the £20.5bn additional funding pledged by the Prime Minister last year. The plan includes priorities of better integrating health and social care, improving prevention and early intervention and addressing health inequalities. This information is key for local authorities due to their responsibilities for Public Health, in their role as commissioners of preventative services and as deliverers of social care.

3.2 The plan sets out:

- how control will be shared with people over their own health and the care they receive;
- how the NHS will make improvements to prevention and health inequalities;
- how the workforce will continue to be supported and encouraged, with a focus on attracting the best people to work for the NHS;
- how to make best use of digital technology and innovation;
- how this will be done whilst getting the best value out of taxpayers' investment in the NHS.

3.3 The renewed NHS prevention programme identifies the top five risk factors for premature death which are smoking, poor diet, high blood pressure, obesity and alcohol and drug misuse. The plan sets out the actions the NHS will take in relation to these to stop an estimated 85,000 premature deaths each year. It also specifically sets out the intended role of local authorities.

4 List of attached information

4.1 None.

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 Launch of the Long Term Plan:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nhs-long-term-plan-launched>

6.2 Long Term Plan website: <https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/>

6.3 NHS Long Term Plan blog posts:

<https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/blog/?filter-category=long-term-plan>

6.4 Online version of the Long Term Plan:

<https://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk/online-version/>

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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