

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
12 SEPTEMBER 2019
GENERAL PRACTICE (GP) FORWARD VIEW UPDATE
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To receive an update on the GP Forward View (GPFV).

2 Action required

- 2.1 To consider the information provided and use it to inform questioning and in relation to the effectiveness of work taking place locally on the GPFV.

3 Background information

- 3.1 At its meeting in February 2019 the Committee heard from Hazel Buchanan and Dr Hugh Porter, from the Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), about the work taking place to ensure that all citizens had access to good quality GP services now and in the future.

- 3.2 In relation to the GPFV the Committee heard that:

- it was published in April 2016 and committed to an extra £2.4 billion a year to support general practice services by 2020/21;
- 14 initiatives had been launched, 10 of which were led locally by CCGs;
- Nottingham City was working with Nottingham North and East CCG, Nottingham West CCG and Rushcliffe CCG as part of the Greater Nottinghamshire CCGs to support the delivery of the GPFV, sharing best practice and, where possible, delivering schemes at scale;
- one of the main aims of the GPFV was to reverse historic underinvestment in general practice and increase the workforce by 2020/21. A number of schemes were being rolled out under the GPFV to deliver these aims;
- the GPFV recognised the pressures within primary care around difficulties in workforce recruitment and expansion. NHS England and Health Education England (HEE) had set ambitious targets to expand the workforce, backed with additional funding as part of the Sustainability and Transformation package;
- the Nottinghamshire Vocational Training Scheme continued to be well utilised with more trainees going through the recruitment process and the GP fellowship programme also continuing to be a success;
- in addition, the GPFV included a commitment to deliver a major international recruitment drive to attract appropriately trained and qualified GPs from overseas by 2020. NHS England had established a GP International Recruitment Office to organise and run a scaled

up international recruitment programme. This office co-ordinated the recruitment, provided support for and relocation of recruited doctors, working closely with regional and local colleagues and partner organisations. A local framework of approved recruitment, relocation and training companies to support the programme had been developed. The Greater Nottingham CCGs successfully applied to be in wave 3 and aimed to recruit 24 GPs through this scheme;

- a workforce plan had been developed which outlines gaps in provision of clinical staff and how to bridge the gaps and recruit to ensure practices had the staff needed to deliver primary care services. It was key that with a reduced future supply of GPs there was a need to introduce skill mix into the clinical workforce and ensure that GPs caseload was appropriate.

3.3 Lynette Daws, CCG, and Dr Manik Arora will be in attendance at the meeting to update the Committee on the progress made on the GPFV in the last 6 months.

4 List of attached information

4.1 Briefing note from the CCG.

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 Health Scrutiny Committee report and minutes from February 2019.

7 Wards affected

7.1 All.

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