

Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

9 May 2018

GP Services Task and Finish Group

Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. Receives and comments on the report of the GP Services Task and Finish Group, its conclusions and recommendations.
2. Refers the document for the consideration of the Cabinet and the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board to consider the recommendations made for actions by the County Council and the wider Coventry and Warwickshire health 'system'.

1. Report of the Task and Finish Group (TFG)

- 1.1 At its meeting on 13 September 2017, the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny commissioned this task and finish review of GP Services. The drivers for a review at this time were the GP Five Year Forward View and to understand the impact of projected residential development throughout the County.
- 1.2 The objectives of this review were:
 - To gain an understanding of service demand and levels of pressure on GPs.
 - To identify the potential to reduce these pressures and particularly areas where the County Council has an influence, including through the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) strategies.
 - An education role to reduce unnecessary GP appointments.
 - Directing people to the appropriate health services including pharmacies or NHS helplines.
- 1.3 The TFG invited contributions through a number of evidence gathering sessions over the period October 2017 to February 2018, before meeting in March to consider the draft review report. A list of the meetings and key discussion areas are set out below. The detailed evidence gathered from these sessions is provided as an appendix to the review report.

24 October Context from the Director of Public Health

20 November Presentations and evidence from Public Health and CCGs

- 5 December Presentations and evidence from the Warwickshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee and Healthwatch Warwickshire
- 17 January Evidence from the Warwickshire Local Medical Committee
- 19 February Evidence from Infrastructure Delivery Manager and district and borough council planning officers

1.4 The TFG noted a number of recurring themes from the different evidence sources. This led to the formulation of the conclusions and recommendations shown in the review report from page 6 of the document, which is attached at Appendix A. The recommendations are grouped under the categories of:

- National issues – those that cannot be resolved for Warwickshire in isolation and require recommendations for national assistance.
- Those which require a Coventry and Warwickshire ‘system approach’. These are areas to be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Those which can be progressed by an individual agency, through recommendations to commissioners or providers of services.

1.5 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to review the document, commenting on the findings and the recommendations made to respond to the issues identified.

Background Papers

None.

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