

Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

6 March 2019

GP Services Task and Finish Group Update

Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1) Receives and comments on the updates provided to the recommended actions of the GP Services Task and Finish Group.
- 2) Considers the frequency of any future updates to the Committee and any further actions required in response to the update to this meeting.

1. Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 13 September 2017, the Adult Social Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee commissioned a task and finish review of GP Services. The drivers for a review at that 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 received contributions at a number of evidence gathering sessions over the period October 2017 to February 2018, before meeting to formulate the draft review report.

1.4 Members noted a number of recurring themes from the different evidence sources. This led to the formulation of the conclusions and recommendations in the review document. The recommendations were 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 were areas referred to the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board.
- Those which can be progressed by an individual agency, through recommendations to commissioners or providers of services.

1.5 The report was considered and approved at the meeting of the Cabinet on 14 June 2018 and at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 18 September 2018.

2. Updates

2.1 It is good practice for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to seek updates on the implementation of the findings and recommendations from its reviews. The Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Health, Councillor Caborn has sought updates from both Board members and officers on the implementation of the recommendations from the scrutiny review of GP Services.

2.2 A table is attached at Appendix A, which sets out each of the recommendations and the actions taken both within Council departments and across the local health and wellbeing system. Members are asked to consider and comment on the progress to date, also to consider the frequency of future updates and any further actions deemed appropriate at this stage, having considered this update.

Background Papers

None.

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