

## Coventry and Warwickshire Joint Health OSC

14 Oct 2019

### Update on the Future of Health Commissioning Arrangements in Coventry and Warwickshire

#### Recommendation(s)

1. Members are asked to receive the report for information and assurance.

#### 1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1 As your local health commissioners, we are considering how we can best support the move to an Integrated Care System (ICS) and how our organisations will need to change to accomplish this. Therefore, this change relates to the future Clinical Commissioning Groups' (CCGs) organisational form to fit within the emerging national and local context and discharge our statutory duties effectively – not about reconfiguration of any services commissioned.
- 1.2 In May 2019 the Governing Bodies of all three Clinical Commissioning Groups recommended merger to their Members, which is a matter reserved for Members themselves. The Members in South Warwickshire supported that recommendation; the Governing Bodies in NHS Coventry and Rugby CCG; and NHS Warwickshire North CCG requested further assurances and the Members wished to wait for those assurances prior to voting on the recommendation. This is now anticipated to take place in November 2019.
- 1.3 This report provides members with an update on our progress in deciding the future configuration of local health commissioning in Coventry and Warwickshire and provide you with assurance that we will still deliver our statutory duties and functions.

#### 2.0 Options and Proposal

- 2.1 We aim to be clear about the direction and timing of a proposal for moving towards a single commissioning function.
- 2.2 We are continuing our engagement with stakeholders throughout this period and beyond, and this meeting provides a further opportunity for our engagement and discussion with you on this matter.

#### 3.0 Financial Implications

- 3.1 The financial requirement for Clinical Commissioning Groups is to reduce internal running costs by 20% in the next year.

## 4.0 Environmental Implications

4.1 None.

## 5.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 5.1 The CCGs continue to provide additional information, including how the new options might look in practice, and to answer questions received from stakeholders and the public, Members, the Local Medical Committees (LMCs), and CCG staff.
- 5.2 Throughout October and November 2019, the CCGs will continue the dialogue with their respective members, to keep them updated on the progress on the additional information requested by the Governing Bodies.
- 5.3 The next steps will be determined by the outcome of the votes.
- 5.4 Should there be a consensus for full merger, the detailed application will be developed for consideration by NHS England. The outline timetable is included in the report and an application would be submitted by the end of September 2020 for merger to be effective from 1 April 2021.

## Background papers

1. Transition Case for Change – May 2019

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