

## Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Monday, 24 July 2017

Electoral Divisions affected: None
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### Report of the Health Scrutiny Committee Steering Group

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#### Executive Summary

Overview of matters presented to the Health Scrutiny Steering Group at its first meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

#### Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive the report of its Steering Group.

#### Background and Advice

The Steering Group is made up of the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee plus two additional members, one each nominated by the Labour and Independent Groups.

The main functions of the Steering Group are listed below:

- To act as the first point of contact between Scrutiny and the Health Service Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups;
- To liaise, on behalf of the full Committee, with Health Service Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups;
- To make proposals to the full Committee on whether they consider NHS service changes to be 'substantial' thereby instigating further consultation with scrutiny;
- To develop and maintain its own work programme for the full Committee to consider and allocate topics accordingly;
- To invite any local Councillor(s) whose ward(s) as well as any County Councillor(s) whose division(s) are/will be affected to sit on the Group for the duration of the topic to be considered;

It is important to note that the Steering Group is not a formal decision making body and that it will report its activities and any aspect of its work to the full Committee for information.

The first meeting of the Steering Group was held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and considered the following matters:

**1. Improving health services in Kirkham and Wesham**

Proposals on moving existing primary care and local health services into a new state-of-the-art health facility. Fylde and Wyre Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are currently undertaking a public engagement exercise between 26<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2017. Further information about the proposals can be viewed on the CCGs website:  
<http://www.fyldeandwyreccg.nhs.uk/derbyroad/>

The Steering Group welcomed the proposals.

**2. Proposed new Primary Care front-end at Royal Preston Hospital's Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre (A&E) – update on joint bid for capital**

It was reported that the joint bid had been successful and that the scheme would be fully funded. Work is due to commence within the next four weeks with a view to complete by October 2017 in readiness for the winter season.

Steering Group welcomed the outcome of the joint bid and requested that a written update be provided in October.

**3. Single handed GP practices: termination of contract in West Lancashire – update from West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)**

An update was provided to the Steering Group in relation to the short term 'care taker' contract that had been awarded to take on the Viran Medical Practice list (single handed GP) in Tarleton from 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 for 12 months. It was confirmed that the CCG was looking to secure permanent arrangements for the patients and would continue to engage with the public. It was noted that the short term contract offered the potential to extend by a further six months should the need arise.

An overview of single handed practices across Lancashire was also provided. It was noted that there was a requirement for GP practices to work at scale serving between 30 and 50k people through the formation of alliances or federations of GP practices sharing services and resources and opportunities.

Steering Group requested regular written updates from the CCG on securing permanent arrangements for patients registered with the Viran Medical Practice.

**Consultations**

N/A

**Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

**Risk management**

This report has no significant risk implications.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985  
List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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