## **Health Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on Monday, 5 March 2018

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);

## **Health Education England**

(Appendices A, B, C and D refer)

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# **Executive Summary**

This report sets out responses to the Health Scrutiny Committee's requests for information on:

- 1. The inequity of funding for medical under-graduate and post-graduate training in Lancashire: and
- 2. Work undertaken to increase the number of trained Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists.

#### Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to formulate recommendations on the:

- 1. Inequity of funding for medical under-graduate and post-graduate training in Lancashire; and
- 2. Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy workforce supply risks in Lancashire.

#### **Background and Advice**

### 1. Inequity of funding

The Health Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 24 July 2017, received an update on the work of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Sustainability and Transformation Partnership's (STP) Local Workforce Action Board (LWAB). At that meeting it was reported "there was a significant difference in the funding Lancashire and South Cumbria received particularly for medical under-graduate and post-graduate training compared with other parts of the North West and the south of the country... Lancashire was under funded by approximately £27m."

The Committee resolved to write to the Secretary of State for Health and the Chairs of Health Education England and Health Education England (North) to formally invite appropriate representatives to attend a future meeting of the Committee to address



the inequity of funding for medical under-graduate and post-graduate training in Lancashire.

Jane Mamelok and Calum Pallister from Health Education England (North) will attend the meeting. **Appendix A** sets out Health Education England's response to some initial key lines of enquiry to stimulate discussion. **Appendix B** supports the responses set out at Appendix A.

## 2. Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists

The Health Scrutiny Committee at its last meeting (23 January 2018), considered a report on Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC). During the meeting it was highlighted that recruitment and retention continued to be an issue in relation to Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists. It was suggested that the Committee write to Health Education England to ascertain what work was being undertaken to increase the number of therapists. **Appendix C** sets out Health Education England's response to the Committee's request.

**Appendix D** sets out the definitions of abbreviations and acronyms used throughout Appendices A to C.

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate - N/A

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