

## Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 3 November 2020

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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### Report of the Health Scrutiny Steering Group

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#### Executive Summary

Overview of matters presented and considered by the Health Scrutiny Steering Group at its meeting held on 14 October 2020.

#### 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 Conservative and Labour Groups.

The main purpose of the Steering Group is to manage the workload of the Committee more effectively in the light of increasing number of changes to health services which are considered to be substantial. The main functions of the Steering Group are listed below:

1. To act as a preparatory body on behalf of the Committee to develop the following aspects in relation to planned topics/reviews scheduled on the Committee's work plan:
  - Reasons/focus, objectives and outcomes for scrutiny review;
  - Develop key lines of enquiry;
  - Request evidence, data and/or information for the report to the Committee;
  - Determine who to invite to the Committee;
2. To act as the first point of contact between Scrutiny and the Health Service Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups;
3. To liaise, on behalf of the Committee, with Health Service Trusts and Clinical Commissioning Groups;

4. To make proposals to the Committee on whether they consider NHS service changes to be 'substantial' thereby instigating further consultation with scrutiny;
5. To act as mediator when agreement cannot be reached on NHS service changes by the Committee. The conclusions of any disagreements including referral to Secretary of State will rest with the Committee;
6. 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;
7. To develop and maintain its own work programme for the Committee to consider and allocate topics accordingly.

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 Committee for consideration and agreement.

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### **Update on the Our Health Our Care programme**

Jason Pawluk and Kelly Bishop provided an update on the Our Health Our Care programme and the plans to partially restore services at Chorley and South Ribble Hospital's Emergency Department to the group.

It was reported that the programme team was awaiting stage 2 clearance from NHS England/Improvement (North West) and that a formal meeting would take place on 5 November to discuss the pre-consultation business case. It was anticipated that arising from that meeting a decision would be made as to whether support would be given to the Clinical Commissioning Groups to develop the statutory public consultation. Notification of the decision was likely to be received by the end of November. Members were informed that the final step to approve commencing a statutory public consultation rested with the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for the Our Health Our Care programme.

The group was informed that the programme team had advanced plans for public consultation ready and that advice had been sought from the Consultation Institute in developing those plans.

On the recent government policy announcement relating to new hospital funding as part of the Health Infrastructure Plan phase 2 (HIP2) and how this would affect the Our Health Our Care programme going forward, it was explained that the earliest possible delivery date for a new hospital would be around 2028. It was the view of the programme that it was not going to be possible to leave services as they are now for another eight years, but to continue to look at what improvements could be made now for the people of central Lancashire. It was highlighted that the new hospital build could not form a part of the options for statutory public consultation on the Our Health Our Care programme.

It was highlighted that NHS England/Improvement (North West) had stated that no consultation would take place whilst the Emergency Department at Chorley and South Ribble Hospital remained closed.

In response to questions the following information was clarified:

- The forthcoming partial restoration of the Emergency Department's opening hours (8-5pm) in November, was considered by NHS England/Improvement (North West) to be sufficient to allow statutory public consultation to proceed.
- The earliest a public consultation on the Our Health Our Care programme could start was possibly just before Christmas 2020. The programme team was mindful that the timeline could overlap with pre-election period in 2021. In the meantime the Health Scrutiny function would be informed of the outcome of the formal meeting with NHS England/Improvement (North West) on 5 November.

### **Review of the Health Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2020/21**

The work programme for the Health Scrutiny Committee was presented to the group for review. It was explained that items on suicide prevention, the 2020/21 adult social care winter plan and the housing with care and support strategy 2018-2025 had been scheduled for the next two meetings in November and December. An update on NHS 111 First and the findings of the Our Health Our Care task group would be scheduled in the New Year.

Subject to further updates from the Our Health Our Care programme director, members were informed that a report seeking the formal establishment of a task and finish group to review the proposals would be submitted to the Internal Scrutiny Committee when it meets on 13 November 2020.

Enquiries had been made in relation to the request for an update on commissioning reform across Lancashire. It was reported that whilst this matter was paused due to the pandemic, work on the reform had only recently been resumed. It was hoped that an update could be presented to the committee in the New Year. In addition enquiries in relation to the seed funding allocated to Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust to develop their plans for Health Infrastructure Plan phase 2 (2025-2030)<sup>1</sup> had begun.

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

This report has no significant risk implications.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-hospital-building-programme-announced>

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

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II:

N/A