

Cabinet – 17 July 2024

Recommendations from Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding the Primary Care Access and GP Access Working Group

Portfolio: Councillor Flint – Portfolio Holder for Health & Wellbeing

Related Portfolios: Councillor Pedley – Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care

Service: Public Health

Wards: All

Key decision: N/A

Forward plan: N/A

1. Aim

To receive recommendations from the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee made on 4 April 2024.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That Cabinet considers the recommendations of the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee as contained within the Primary Care Access and GP Services Working Group Final Report (see attached);
- 2.2 That, the Cabinet, supports the recommendations of Working Group in relation to those made to the Black Country Integrated Care Board, NHS England and the Department for Health and Social Care;
- 2.3 That, in connection with (2) above, the Portfolio Holder for Wellbeing, Leisure and Public Spaces and the Chair of the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee jointly write to NHS England and the Department of Social Care and Health respectively in relation to the recommendations made to them.

3. Report detail – know

At its meeting of 4 April 2024, the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee received the final report of the Primary Care Access and GP Services Working Group which was established on the 27 July 2023. The Working Group reviewed the current models of GP service delivery, planned national changes and local initiatives. There was also a focus on digitisation of

services and the national work force strategy. Due to the complexity of the topics explored the recommendations of the Working Group were split into three parts, those for: The Cabinet, The Black Country Integrated Care Board and, NHS England and The Department of Health and Social Care.

Members considered the findings and the recommendations of the working group report ,which were both supported unanimously by the Committee.

The Committee requested that the report's recommendations, be considered by the Cabinet and applicable recommendations in relation to the Black Country Integrated Care Board, NHS England and the Department of Health and Social Care be forwarded for their consideration.

4. Decide

The recommendations of the Committee are set out and the Cabinet could choose to:

1. Accept the recommendations as set out;
2. Reject the recommendations; and/or
3. Choose to receive a report in more depth at a future Cabinet meeting.

5. Respond

Following the decision of Cabinet, the Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be advised of the outcome of their recommendation.

6. Review

Subject to the decision of Cabinet, further reports at Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings or Cabinet meetings may be required.

7. Appendix

Primary Care Access and GP Services Working Group Final Report

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