

Appendix 2

Scrutiny Management Board Briefing from Chair of Health Scrutiny Committee

1.0 Purpose of Update

- 1.1 This report updates Scrutiny Management Board (SMB) on the work of Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee and any issues and developments that have occurred since the last meeting of SMB.

2.0 Board Meeting Update

- 2.1 Since the last meeting of Scrutiny Management Board the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee held an informal session on the 28th July which discussed the following:

- COVID 19 Service Changes - In response to the pandemic, Health bodies needed to make a number of changes to services. Some of these were fairly low scale while others involved the movement of clinical services to other sites. Members received information about the changes that have taken place and the rationale for them, along with discussing what this has meant for patients and staff.
- Recovery Plans - the Committee heard the plans for restoring Health and Care services in a COVID-19 environment - moving into phase 3 and forward to phase 4 with consideration of what new operating models might be in place between the Health and Care Sectors
- The future Work Programme for the Committee in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts

- 2.2 The next meeting of the Committee will take place on the 5th October 2020. The Committee will be considering the following:

- Urgent, Emergency and Elective Surgery Pathways in North Cumbria Integrated Care Trust
- Winter Planning
- Impact of Integrated Care Communities on Acute Settings in South Cumbria

3.0 Additional Scrutiny activity undertaken by the Board

- 3.1 Additional activity that has taken place by or is planned by the Board is noted below:

- 3.2 Meetings between the Lead Health Scrutiny Members and Chief Officers and Chairs of key Health Partners have taken place periodically throughout the pandemic.
- 3.3 Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee and Adults' Scrutiny Advisory Board are having a series of joint meetings to look at areas covering the closer integration of Health and Care Services. These will be re-established in the Autumn with an initial focus on the Health and Care recovery plans.
- 3.4 The new Joint Committee for the whole of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System (which includes Blackpool and Blackburn) has now been established with Lancashire County Council as the host organisation. The first meeting has yet to be convened.

4.0 Conclusion

- 4.1 The Committee will continue to scrutinise matters relating to planning, provision and the operation of health services to ensure that decisions reflect local needs. They will also hold health service bodies to account publicly; assist in addressing health inequalities; support continuous improvement of health services and support and strengthening improved partnership working; ensure that proposals for major changes to health services are equitable, reasonable and reflect local need.

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