

CUMBRIA HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting date: 23 February 2021

From: Policy and Scrutiny Team

COMMITTEE BRIEFING REPORT

1.0 *PURPOSE OF REPORT*

1.1 *This report updates the Committee on developments in health scrutiny, the Committee's Work Programme and monitoring of actions not covered elsewhere on the Committee's agenda.*

2.0 ISSUES FOR SCRUTINY

The Committee are asked to:

- (i) To update the Committee on most recent round of Lead Health Scrutiny Member meetings with System Leaders in the North and South of the County
- (ii) Review the existing Work Programme.

3.0 UPDATES

Lead Health Scrutiny Member Meetings

North Cumbria

- 3.1 Lead Health Scrutiny Members, met with system leaders from Bay Health and Care Partners on the 28th January.
- 3.2 Members received an update on current position across on dealing with COVID 19 identifying areas of particular concern. It was clarified that elective procedures had been stood down since 21 Dec. Discussed current position with discharge arrangements with a particular focus on discharges to residential care homes.
- 3.3 Members discussed the Trust's response to the CQC reports and plans to address the issues it highlights, patient safety issues that were highlighted in the report were immediately addressed. The Trust reported on the progress that was being made and referenced the report that was being made to the Trust Board (28th Jan) for further information.

South Cumbria

- 3.4 Lead Health Scrutiny Members, have been provided with updates on the current position on dealing with COVID 19 across the Bay Health and Care System. Continuing measures being put in place to increase bed capacity across the Trust, focus on increasing throughput of elective surgery at Westmorland General.
- 3.5 The plans for the substantive item on the Mental Health impact of the pandemic at today's meeting were discussed with the Lancashire and South Cumbria Foundation Trust.
- 3.6 UHMBT have requested that the local HiP 2 (healthcare infrastructure programme Lancashire and South Cumbria) discussed at a future health overview and scrutiny committee meeting. So that they can present the programme which has been tasked with looking at the possibility of rebuilding both the Royal Lancaster infirmary and Royal Preston Hospital. At present, there is an intention to formally consult at the end of this year or into early 2022. This has been included on the draft work programme for Members to consider.

4.0 WORK PROGRAMME

- 4.1 The Committee's work programme is attached at Appendix 1 for the committee to consider and review.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Work Programme

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