

CUMBRIA HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting date: 21 July 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) To appoint Members of the Committee to the Variation Sub Committee following recent changes to the Committee Membership.
- (iii) 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 North Cumbria Integrated Care Trust and North Cumbria CCG on 1 July.
- 3.2 Members received an update on current position across on dealing with COVID 19 particularly on whether the temporary measures that were put in during Covid may become permanent. Members heard what might be being considered and what has been captured about changes that led to efficiencies, better services or a better patient experience.
- 3.3 Members discussed a range of issues including the use of technology for remote consultations, discharge processes, cancer and diagnostic recovery, 52 week waiting lists.
- 3.4 Members were reassured that there had been no service changes made during the pandemic which would have required engagement and consultation with the Committee or the public.

South Cumbria

- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 The plans for future development of inpatient mental health services have been discussed with the Lancashire and South Cumbria Foundation Trust and these will be brought for consideration by the Committee when appropriate.

Nomination for the Variation Sub-Committee

- 3.7 There is a need to appoint Members of the Variation Sub-Committee.
- 3.8 The Sub-Committee shall be made up of a representative drawn from each of the following areas, which may be a District or County Council member for that area:
- Allerdale
 - Copeland
 - Eden
 - Carlisle
 - South Lakeland
 - Barrow
- 3.9 At least one member of the Sub-Committee shall be a County Council member and at least one member of the Sub-Committee shall be a District Council member.

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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