

Appendix 4

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, Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee has been monitoring changes across a number of Health Services and will continue to do this through regular meetings with System Leaders in both areas. The last meeting of the Committee took place on the 25th July.

- 2.2 The specific items considered at the 25 July meeting are listed below:

- Update on the Health & Care Act and the impact on powers of Health Scrutiny - the Committee considered the measures for the Secretary of State (SoS) to intervene in proposals for NHS reconfigurations. The SoS will have to ask for views on the changes from local NHS organisations and health overview and scrutiny committees and publish a summary of their responses.
- Mental Health Services at Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear Foundation Trust (CNTW) – Members received an update on the Improvements Made to Pathways of Care since the Transfer of Mental Health Services to CNTW.
- Dentistry Services in West Cumbria - the Committee scrutinised the measures being put in place to address the fragility of dentistry services in West Cumbria following on from the report received by the Committee in October 2021.

- 2.3 The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for the 3 October and the items on the draft agenda are listed below

- Stroke Care and Rehabilitation across North and South Cumbria - To receive an update on the implementation of the Enhanced Network Model of Acute Stroke Care and Rehabilitation in Lancashire and South Cumbria as well as the Hyper Acute Stroke Unit in North Cumbria including a comparison of the different operating models, what learning can be applied from one to the other.

- L&SC Pathology Collaboration - To receive an update on the programme.
- Cumbria and Lancashire Joint Health Scrutiny Committee - To note the outcome of the Joint Committee meeting planned for September which will consider the delivery of the CQC and NICHE action plan by University Hospitals Morecambe Bay Trust and the Community Beds Consultation outcome.
- Digital Strategies - Report on the progress being made on digitising records and improving system interoperability across both Health Systems. By 2025 records of health and care delivery will be required to be digital, not paper, everywhere. The Government aim to have shared care records for all citizens by 2024 that provide a single, functional health and care record which citizens, caregivers and care teams can all safely access.

3.0 Additional Scrutiny activity undertaken by the Committee

- 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 and are continuing on a quarterly basis.
- 3.3 The first meeting of the Joint Health and Adults Task and Finish Group took place on Wednesday 8 June, Members discussed: How the Integrated Care Partnership will relate to the Health and Wellbeing Board and other health related organisations, How elected members will engage with the Integrated Care Systems, and in addition how the voice of the communities will be included, What changes the new Integrated Care System will bring to the Health Scrutiny function.

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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