

Local Members' Interest
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Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee – 15 July 2019

Single Strategic Commissioning Organisation

Recommendation

1. To consider the information provided by the Clinical Commissioning Groups and provide feedback on the proposals.

Report of Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Groups

Summary

2. The Healthy Staffordshire Scrutiny Committee is being asked to provide feedback on the proposals laid out by the CCGs to become a single Strategic Commissioning Group. The purpose of the report is to ask for your view as consultees as (this is specified as exempt from health scrutiny as it is a constitutional change – Local Authority Health Scrutiny 2014).

2.1 The feedback received from stakeholders, partners, providers and the public will be considered by and used to inform a vote which will be taken by the CCGs' GP membership and further, to develop recommendations for consideration by the CCGs' Governing Bodies. The outcome of this process will be used to develop any resulting application to NS England to merge the CCGs.

2.2 We are asking:-

- What do you agree or disagree with?
- Do you have any concerns or are there any groups or individuals you think may be adversely impacted
- How could we reduce the risk of impact?
- Do you have any other suggested options that we should consider?

Background

3. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are groups of GPs who come together to form a membership. CCGs are clinically led decision making bodies who are responsible for designing and buying local health and care services. Six CCGs do this for the 1.1. million people who live across Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent.

3.1 We need to keep ahead of the growing and changing needs of the people living in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent. This means we need to be much better at how we plan, buy and deliver health and care. The NHS Long Term Plan which was published earlier this year is all about working together effectively, with no barriers. Coming together is one way

we can start to do this in Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, to deliver our health and care services more efficiently.

3.2 We have been working more closely together over recent years:

- **A single leadership team and staffing structure** so that where possible, we do things once and not six times. But we continue to be mindful of the different needs of the smaller local areas
- **Governing Body meetings held 'in common'** so that any strategic decisions that affect the whole population can be made quickly and consistently.

3.3 In December 2018, we wrote to NHS England, telling them we would like to explore the development of a single organisation.

3.4 The consultation runs from Thursday 9 May until July 2019

- We have already started the process of listening to our GPs and Governing Bodies. We are now also formally consulting with our hospitals, voluntary / community sector representatives, local authorities (councils), Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Health and Wellbeing Boards, NHS England / NHS Improvement, local Patient Participation Groups, the general public and CCG staff
- Feedback will be collated and reported back to the CCGs, by NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit.
- A decision will be made by the CCGs' GP members in September 2019. If they agree to form a single organisation, the next step would be for the Governing Bodies to make a formal application to NHS England.

3.5 As we progress with our involvement, we expect to identify issues, concerns or developments that are important to our GP practices, stakeholders and local people. We will keep working on these throughout.

3.6 Current timescales suggest that we should make any application in September 2019 with a view to merge in April 2020.

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Appendices/Background papers

Power Point Presentation attached