

Name of meeting: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Date: 9 February 2022

Title of report: Update on Primary Care Networks.

To provide members of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel with the context and background to the discussions covering the development of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and access to primary care medical services.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</u>	Not Applicable
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not Applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	No – The report has been produced to support the discussions with representatives from Kirklees Clinical Commissioning Group.
Health Contact	Catherine Wormstone, Director of Primary Care NHS Kirklees Clinical Commissioning Group.

Electoral wards affected: None Specific

Ward councillors consulted: Not Applicable

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes. The report does not include any personal data that identifies an individual.

1. Summary

- 1.1 Primary care networks (PCNs) form a key element of the NHS long-term plan. The aim of bringing general practices together to work at scale has a number of benefits including improving the ability of practices to recruit and retain staff and to provide a wider range of services to patients.
- 1.2 The majority of PCNs are geographically based covering populations of approximately 30-50,000 patients and are expected to take a proactive approach to managing the health of their local population.
- 1.3 Integration of services across the local health and adult social care sector is a key theme on the Panel's work programme. A key area within this theme is a focus on reviewing progress of PCNs including the effectiveness of their integration with other key services and agencies across the local health and social care network.
- 1.4 In addition, at previous meetings the Panel has been made aware of concerns regarding the impact that the pandemic has had on the capacity of general practice to cope with demand and requested an update on the work being developed to improve access to GPs.
- 1.5 Representatives from NHS Kirklees Clinical Commissioning Group will be in attendance to provide the panel with an update on the development of Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and access to services during the pandemic.
- 1.6 A report covering the areas above is attached.

2. Information required to take a decision

N/A

3. Implications for the Council

N/A

3.1 Working with People

No specific implications

3.2 Working with Partners

No specific implications

3.3 Place Based Working

No specific implications

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

No specific implications

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

No specific implications

3.6 Other (e.g. Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

No specific implications

4. Consultees and their opinions

Not applicable

5. Next steps and timelines

That the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Health and Adult Social Care takes account of the information presented and considers the next steps it wishes to take.

- 6 Officer recommendations and reasons**
That the Panel considers the information provided and determines if any further information or action is required.
- 7 Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations**
Not applicable
- 8 Contact officer:**
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- 9 Background Papers and History of Decisions**
Not applicable
- 10 Service Director responsible**
Julie Muscroft – Service Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning