

Subject:	GP Sustainability and Quality: Update		
Date of Meeting:	01 February 2017		
Report of:	Executive Lead, Strategy, Governance & Law		
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FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The HOSC has been monitoring the issue of GP practice quality and sustainability for some time. This report provides an update on the ongoing work to support city GP practices undertaken by NHS England (NHSE) and Brighton & Hove CCG.
- 1.2 The update will also include information on recent developments in Brighton & Hove GP services.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members note the information provided in this report; and
- 2.2 Agree to request a further update on GP practice sustainability and quality in six months' time.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Nationally, GP services are currently experiencing a good deal of pressure, in terms of demand, quality, resources and workforce. This is very much a local issue also: recent months have seen the closure of six city GP practices; and several practices have also been required to make significant quality improvements following CQC inspections.
- 3.2 The Health & Social Care Act (2012) required GP services to be commissioned by NHSE. More recently however, local CCGs have been encouraged to 'co-commission' GP services. Brighton & Hove CCG opted not to be an early adopter of co-commissioning, but the CCG has now agreed to assume GP commissioning responsibilities in the near future.
- 3.3 The HOSC held a workshop on GP sustainability and quality in early 2016 where members learnt of work being undertaken by NHSE and the CCG to increase both the sustainability and quality of local GP services. Primary care sustainability will also be a key strand of Sustainability & Transformation Plans (STP) announced in the December 2015 NHS Planning Guidance

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/NHS-operational-planning-guidance-201617-201819.pdf>

- 3.4 In addition to updating members on progress in designing and implementing sustainability and quality improvement plans, NHS colleagues have been asked to update the HOSC on recent developments in city GP services.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 None to this update report.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 None to this report.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the information on GP sustainability and quality provided by NHS partners, and to determine what future scrutiny action is required (it is suggested that another update is requested for six months' time).

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

None to this report for information

Legal Implications:

None to this report for information

Equalities Implications:

- 7.1 It is important that everyone has ready access to good quality GP services. If city GP services are of poor or varying quality and/or become more difficult to access because some practices close then this may have a disproportionately detrimental impact on some protected groups such as older people or people living with disabilities.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.2 None identified.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.3 None identified

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

None – powerpoint slides will be circulated in advance of the meeting and will be included for reference in the meeting minutes.

