

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

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| Committee: | Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee |
| Date: | 23 November 2021 |
| Title: | Issues Relating to the Planning, Provision and/or Operation of Health Services |
| Report From: | Chief Executive |

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Purpose of this Report

1. This report provides Members with information about the issues brought to the attention of the Committee which impact upon the planning, provision and/or operation of health services within Hampshire, or the Hampshire population.
2. Where appropriate comments have been included and copies of briefings or other information attached. Where scrutiny identifies that the issue raised for the Committee's attention will result in a variation to a health service, this topic will be considered as part of the 'Proposals to Vary Health Services' report.
3. New issues raised with the Committee, and those that are subject to on-going reporting, are set out in Table One of this report.
4. Issues covered in this report:
 - Primary Care Update – Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group
 - Dental Services in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight – NHS England and NHS Improvement

Recommendations

5. The Committee note the update on Primary Care and welcome the GP Winter Access Fund.
6. The Committee notes the impact of the pandemic on availability of dental care. The Committee request an update from commissioners in six months on progress with increasing capacity in dental services.

Executive Summary

Table 1

| Topic | Relevant Bodies | Action Taken | Comment |
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| Primary Care | Hampshire Southampton and Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group | The CCG have provided a briefing covering access to GP appointments and other developments in primary care attached at Appendix 1. | Members of the Committee requested an item covering access to GP appointments, following concerns raised by residents about difficulties in accessing face to face appointments. |
| Dental Services | NHS England and NHS Improvement | NHS England have provided a briefing regarding the commissioning of dental activity attached at Appendix 2. | Members of the Committee requested an item covering access to dental services, following concerns raised by residents about availability of NHS dentists in Hampshire. |

Finance

6. Financial implications will be covered within the briefings provided by the NHS appended to this report, where relevant.

Performance

7. Performance information will be covered within the briefings provided by the NHS appended to this report where relevant.

Consultation and Equalities

8. Details of any consultation and equalities considerations will be covered within the briefings provided by the NHS appended to this report.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

9. Consideration should be given to any climate change impacts where relevant.

Conclusions

10. The Committee will have an interest in monitoring the ongoing impact of the pandemic on access to GP appointments and dental appointments, as they are parts of the health system widely used by the population.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

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| Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity: | no |
| People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives: | yes |
| People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment: | no |
| People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities: | no |

Other Significant Links

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| Links to previous Member decisions: | |
| <u>Title</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives | |
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Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

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| <u>Document</u> | <u>Location</u> |
| None | |

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This is a covering report for items from the NHS that require the attention of the HASC. It does not therefore make any proposals which will impact on groups with protected characteristics.