

Committee: Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date: 13 February 2018

Wards: ALL

Subject: South West London Health Protocol

Lead member: Councillor Peter McCabe, Chair of the Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny panel.

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Recommendations:

- A. That the Panel comment on the proposed South West London Health Protocol and suggest how it can be strengthened and/or clarified.
 - B. That the Panel agree to send the Protocol to health partners in Merton for comment and agreement.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The purpose of the attached report is to provide Panel Members with a draft Protocol on joint arrangements between health partners and scrutiny committees. The protocol sets out proposals to guide health partners to decide when to consult with scrutiny panels at an early stage if they are considering major change to health services. Although this Protocol is focussed on South West London it can also be adapted for use at the local level. The protocol is attached.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. The last meeting of the South West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) was held on 13th December 2017, both the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Panel sit on the JHOSC. Committee members agreed to work with health partners to gain agreement on the attached Protocol setting out a joint approach for working with the JHOSC, especially in regards to significant changes to local services.
- 2.2. Early sight of such proposals enables scrutiny members, with their knowledge of local communities, to comment on the plans before they are finalised. Health Partners also have a statutory duty to consult with scrutiny.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Healthier Communities and Older People Overview and Scrutiny Panel can select topics for scrutiny review and for other scrutiny work as it sees fit, taking into account views and suggestions from officers, partner organisations and the public.

Cabinet is constitutionally required to receive, consider and respond to scrutiny recommendations within two months of receiving them at a meeting.

- 3.1. Cabinet is not, however, required to agree and implement recommendations from Overview and Scrutiny. Cabinet could agree to implement some, or none, of the recommendations made in the scrutiny review final report.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. The Panel will be consulted at the meeting

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. The Panel will consider important items as they arise as part of their work programme for 2018/19

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. None relating to this covering report

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the legal and statutory implications of the topic being scrutinised.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. It is a fundamental aim of the scrutiny process to ensure that there is full and equal access to the democratic process through public involvement and engaging with local partners in scrutiny reviews. Furthermore, the outcomes of reviews are intended to benefit all sections of the local community.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. None relating to this covering report. Scrutiny work involves consideration of the crime and disorder implications of the topic being scrutinised.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. None relating to this covering report

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

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12 BACKGROUND PAPERS