

## **HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **5 MARCH 2019**

## **NHS LONG TERM PLAN**

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### **Summary**

1. The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) is to be briefed on the NHS Long Term Plan and plans for public engagement about the Plan. This will include what it will mean for Worcestershire and how it relates to the Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) and Integrated Care Systems.
2. Representatives involved in leading the development of Worcestershire's Plan have been invited to the meeting, including from Worcestershire's Clinical Commissioning Groups, Public Health, Worcestershire Health and Care Trust and Healthwatch.

### **Background**

3. On 7 January 2019 the Government published its NHS Long Term Plan, setting out key ambitions for the next 10 years, to reflect advances in medicine and changes in health needs. The Plan was drawn up by frontline staff, patient groups and national experts. As set out on the NHS website, the Plan sets out to enable everyone to get the best start in life, help communities to live well and help people to age well.
4. Further information on the NHS Long Term Plan is available on the NHS England website here: [www.longtermplan.nhs.uk](http://www.longtermplan.nhs.uk)
5. The Plan also includes measures to:
  - improve out-of-hospital care, supporting primary medical and community health services
  - ensure all children get the best start in life by continuing to improve maternity safety including halving the number of stillbirths, maternal and neonatal deaths and serious brain injury by 2025
  - support older people through more personalised care and stronger community and primary care services
  - make digital health services a mainstream part of the NHS, so that in 5 years, patients in England will be able to access a digital GP offer.

### **Engagement Plans**

6. The STP Communications and Engagement workstream is planning a portfolio of communications and engagement activities for the NHS Long Term Plan. The workstream will be engaging with a variety of voluntary and community sector groups, patients and carers to inform them of the plan and what this means with regards to the healthcare services they receive. This work will be supplemented by

the activities of Healthwatch Herefordshire and Healthwatch Worcestershire linking the collective engagement to those priorities outlined in the Long Term Plan with a specific focus on how these can be implemented locally.

7. The Communications and Engagement workstream will also liaise with other STP workstream Leads on how best to communicate how they intend to achieve the ambitions set out in the Plan for their workstream at a local level, maximising established partnerships or local forums where appropriate. Events are also being organised to engage with the workforce across the STP.

## **Legal, Financial and HR Implications**

8. There are no specific legal, financial or HR implications associated with this paper, but there will be significant implications associated with the development of plans for each programme transformation area within the STP and their subsequent implementation. As these plans are developed, if required to do so, they will be reported to HOSC in a timely manner.

## **Purpose of the Meeting**

9. The HOSC is invited to consider and comment on engagement planned around the NHS Long Term Plan and what it will mean for Worcestershire.

10. In doing so, HOSC members may look to consider:

- What will be the main changes for Worcestershire as a result of the Plan?
- How will health partners mitigate issues such as staff shortages and financial and capacity pressures?
- What about capacity planning to meet predictions for growth and demand for services?

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the Proper Officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Worcester News article 'Staff shortages could threaten NHS long-term plan, report warns'  
<https://www.worcesternews.co.uk/news/national/17366945.staff-shortages-could-threaten-nhs-long-term-plan-report-warns/>
- Herefordshire and Worcestershire STP Stakeholder Briefing December 2018  
<http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/yourconversation/>
- Agenda and minutes of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 29 January 2018  
<http://worcestershire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=141&MId=2245&Ver=4>