

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 16 MARCH 2021

PROPOSED DELIVERY MODEL FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION PROVISION IN WORCESTERSHIRE

Summary

1. The Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education and Skills and the Director of Education and Early Help have been invited to the meeting to update the Panel on the proposals for the delivery model for medical education provision in Worcestershire being considered at Cabinet on 18 March 2021.

Background

2. Consideration of the review of Medical Education Provision is part of the Panel's Work Programme and it has received updates on the review of the service at its meetings on 23 January 2020, 16 June 2020 and 13 November 2020.
3. The Medical Education Team (MET) is a service delivered by Worcestershire Children First (WCF), providing education for children who are unable to attend school because of medical needs including mental health difficulties.
4. On the 30 January 2020 Cabinet received a report from WCF proposing a review of Medical Education Provision in Worcestershire. The report set out the context and case for change on behalf of Worcestershire children and young people. The January Cabinet report set out limitations in the service including those identified by external peer review in 2018.
5. The latest report that the Panel received (13 November 2020) set out the findings of the review including feedback from stakeholders, along with the proposed pathway and outcomes.

Next steps

6. A presentation outlining the proposals for the delivery model is attached at Appendix 1.
7. A report detailing proposals for a new model of delivery for medical education provision will be considered at Cabinet on 18 March 2021 (attached as Appendix 2).

Purpose of the Meeting

8. The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel is asked to:
 - Consider the update provided since the last report to Panel on 13 November 2020;
 - Determine whether it would wish to carry out any further scrutiny; and

- Agree whether it would wish to make any comments to the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Education and Skills.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Presentation – Worcestershire Children First: Medical Education Review

Appendix 2 – Report to Cabinet on 18 March 2021 on Delivery Model for Medical Education Provision. [appendices to Cabinet report](#)

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Director of Children's Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- [Agenda and Minutes of Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel 23 January 2020](#)
- [Agenda and Minutes of Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel 16 June 2020](#)
- [Agenda and Minutes of Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel 13 November 2020](#)

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