

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

26 JANUARY 2012

HEALTH TRANSFORMATION UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce senior representation from the local authority, in attendance to provide an update on, and answer the Panel's questions relating to, the local implementation of the Health Reforms.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the content of the briefing paper presented today.
3. That the Panel explores any lines of enquiry it wishes to, relating to the Health reforms and their local implementation.
4. That the Panel considers how, and at what frequency, it would like to revisit this topic.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

5. The Panel is well aware of the Government's Health Reforms and has considered the content and implications of the reforms on a number of occasions. Whilst the reforms are a matter of national policy, they require local implementation and understanding, and commenting on, that local implementation is an important aspect of the Health Scrutiny Panel's work.
6. The Health Scrutiny Panel has already received a number of updates regarding the local implications, and the local implementation, of the Health Reforms. The meeting today will provide an opportunity for the Panel to hear the very latest progress of the implementation of the Health Reforms and will also provide the Panel with the opportunity to comment upon, and challenge where appropriate, the information submitted.
7. In considering the attached progress paper, the Panel may wish to bear in mind certain questions it has considered in the past, such as:

- 7.1 What progress has been made in establishing the Health & Wellbeing Board?
- 7.2 What progress has been made in the Health & Wellbeing Board establishing its priorities and associated strategy?
- 7.3 To what extent has a working relationship being developed as yet between the health and wellbeing board and the emerging Clinical Commissioning Group?
- 7.4 What progress has the local authority made in preparing for the assumption of public health responsibilities?
8. It is anticipated that senior colleagues will initially speak to a progress report, that will be sent to the Panel under separate cover, as soon as possible, highlighting the most salient points for the Panel's consideration. Following that, the Panel is invited to explore any lines of enquiry it would like to pursue.
9. Following the discussion at the meeting today, the panel is asked to consider how it would like to maintain its involvement in considering this topic.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. The Health Transformation progress report will be sent to the Panel as soon as possible. That report will form the basis of the debate at the meeting today.

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