
Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee

11 November 2020

Primary Care Restoration and Future Planning in West Sussex

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this agenda item is for the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise how the West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is planning to commission General Practice moving forward and how the enablers of this provision are supported in West Sussex. Key areas for discussion include how learning from the delivery of general practice throughout the Covid-19 pandemic can be developed, as part of the overall restoration of services for West Sussex residents.
- 1.2 Enablers for the Committee to focus on are **restoration; digital; workforce** and **estates**.
- 1.3 Resources in relation to the current picture of the Primary Care Networks; the restoration of primary care; detail of the developing work on the CCG primary care estates strategy and a co-produced report by Healthwatch West Sussex and West Sussex CCG regarding the experiences of digital or remote consultations throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, are appended to this report.

2. Focus for scrutiny

- 2.1 Areas to consider are:
 1. Current and future issues identified in the attached resources and what is being planned to address these.
 2. The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on existing primary care services and particularly how general practice is getting back to providing a full service e.g. catching up on the back log; getting patients to make and keep appointments and communicating that services are available for residents to use when needed.
 3. Digital or remote consultations and developments for the future, taking into consideration the recommendations set out in the report co-produced by Healthwatch West Sussex and the West Sussex CCG.
 4. Current workforce levels, projections and plans to develop and sustain a primary care workforce in the future.
 5. Plans and methods to meet future demand, bearing in mind housing developments currently being delivered through local plans and population changes in West Sussex.
- 2.2 The Chairman will summarise the debate, which will then be shared with the West Sussex CCG.

3. Details

3.1 The background and context to this item for scrutiny are set out in the attached report including resource and risk implications and all factors taken into account.

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Appendices

Appendix A - [Preferences towards the future of health and social care services in Sussex – findings during the Coronavirus pandemic](#)

Appendix B – [Summary Infographic](#)

Appendix C - [How to build rapport and help health professionals communicate during a pandemic - Digital engagement with young adults \(aged 16-19\)](#)

Further Appendices from the West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Group to follow.

Background papers

None