

18 October 2019 Standing Overview Group - Long Term Plan

Report of the Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Members

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to confirmation by the Committee before taking effect.

Recommendations:

- (i) That the Committee recognises the significant role Local Government has played in the development of the Devon Long Term Plan (LTP) and the role it will play in the delivery. It therefore recommends that all councillors receive information to help them understand and develop as strong Health and Wellbeing leads in their local communities.
- (ii) That the Committee shares the learning from the most recent Standing Overview Group meeting on the LTP to inform its future work programme.

Background

The Standing Overview Group of the Health and Adult Scrutiny Committee meets bi-monthly as an information sharing and member development session where issues are presented to members to raise awareness and increase knowledge. Any action points arising from the sessions are reported back to the formal Committee meeting. On 18 October 2019 the Standing Overview Group received presentations on work relating to the Devon NHS Long Term Plan.

Members in Attendance

- Cllr Randall Johnson (Chair)
- Cllr Ackland
- Cllr Russell
- Cllr Saywell
- Cllr Scott
- Cllr Twiss
- Cllr Sellis
- Cllr Parsons
- Cllr Whitton
- Cllr Aspinall (Plymouth)
- Cllr Darling (Torbay)
- Cllr Douglas-Dunbar (Torbay)

During discussions with members the following key areas surrounding the LTP were raised:

Engagement

- Engagement on the Devon NHS LTP ran from 11 July to 5 September 2019 structured into strategic county-wide engagement and locality-led engagement activity.
- The total number of engagements was 5,707.
- Multiple previous engagements have fed into the plan.
- The engagement highlighted two main key areas for consideration:
 - Digital infrastructure across Devon, access, education and behaviour change –
 - Travel needs further consideration and closer working with local economic partnerships

Case for Change

- Health and Adult Care are facing crucial challenges. Most notable is the growing and ageing population. For every person over 85 there are currently 16 people of working age, by 2040 this is halved to 8.
- Furthermore, the amount of time people live in good health has been decreasing.
- Smoking and alcohol, physical inactivity and poor diet are main causes of preventable disease which accounts for 40% of premature death.
- 25% children in Devon are overweight or obese, this rises to 33% by time they leave primary school.

Core Deliverables of the Plan

- Transform out of hospital care and integrate community services.
- Support Primary Care Networks (PCN) working with community services and other providers to move towards anticipatory care.
- Set consistent minimum requirements for this community-based care to reduce pressure on emergency hospital services.
- Give people more control over their own health and more personalised care (an assets strength based approach at scale).
- Deliver digitally enabled Primary Care and Outpatient Care at scale.
- Improve cancer outcomes.
- Improve mental health services through ringfenced investment fund.
- Shorter waits for planned care, through protected capacity.
- Reduce outpatients appointments by 30%.
- Address unwarranted clinical variation and health inequalities.
- Make Devon Health and Care sector the best place to work.

Six Key Ambitions of the LTP

- Devon-wide Deal - nurturing a shared responsibility, between citizens and services, to health and care which reduces variations in outcomes, gaps in life expectancy and health inequalities across Devon.
- Effective and Efficient care - reducing waste, tackling unwarranted clinical variation and improving productivity everywhere so that Devon taxpayer's money is used to achieve best value for the population.
- Integrated Care Model - enhancing primary care, community, social care and voluntary & community services to provide more care and support out of hospital care.
- Equally Well - working together to tackle the inequalities in the physical health of people with mental illness, learning disabilities and/or autism.
- Children and Young people - investing more in children and young people to have the best start in life, be ready for school, be physically and emotionally well and develop resilience throughout childhood and on into adulthood.
- Digital Devon - Investing to modernise services using digital technology.

Issues Identified by Members

The following issues were identified by members during their discussion with officers:

- The importance of continued involvement of members in the LTP.
- Mental Health Transformation Programme. Members welcomed collaboration to aid in the destigmatisation of mental health and positive framework around mental health.
- The role of the Voluntary Sector.
- The need to improve diagnostics performance.
- Recognition that not everyone will be able to access/use digital.
- Importance of robust primary care for the wider NHS. PCN role in stabilising primary care.
- There are workforce issues, with particular problems in the South West recruiting to certain skills.
- Prevention programme and its importance.

Conclusion

The Committee thanked the presenters and the officers for attending this meeting and recognised the work they are undertaking to develop the LTP in the County.

Councillor Sara Randall Johnson, Chair Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee

Electoral Divisions: All

Local Government Act 1972

List of Background Papers

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Nil

There are no equality issues associated with this report