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DEVELOPING CLINICAL COMMISSIONING IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE & PETERBOROUGH

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report is to update the Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues on the developments clinical commissioning in Peterborough following the publication of the Health and Social Care Bill.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Commission to note the presentation and the local focus that clinical commissioning will bring to Peterborough.

3. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 3.1 This report links to the Creating Opportunities – Tackling Inequalities Priority in the Sustainable Community Strategy

Improving health – so that everyone can enjoy a life expectancy of the national average or above and benefit from speedier access to high quality local health and social care services.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The white paper, Equity and Excellence: Liberating the NHS, was published in July 2010, and sets out the Government's long-term vision for the future of the NHS.

It set out how the NHS will:

- Put patients at the heart of everything the NHS does
- Focus on continually improving those things that really matter to patients – the outcome of their healthcare
- Empower and liberate clinicians to innovate, with the freedom to focus on improving healthcare services

At the heart of the reforms is clinically led commissioning. NHS Peterborough has been working with local GPs to develop a local commissioning group for Peterborough that will focus on commissioning healthcare that will deliver the best outcomes for the people of Peterborough.

5. KEY ISSUES

- 5.1 Subject to the passing of the Health and Social Care Bill, Primary Care Trusts will cease to exist in April 2013.

Commissioning of many health services will then pass to Clinical Commissioning Groups. The National Commissioning Board will take on primary care commissioning.

Work is underway to establish a shadow Clinical Commissioning Group for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and a Local Commissioning Group for Peterborough.

There will be a Health and Well Being Board for Peterborough which will work with the Local Commissioning Group and help set the direction for healthcare in Peterborough.

A local Healthwatch will also be established to represent the patient voice and influence improvements in services.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 While much is still to be decided by legislation, this is a time of change for the NHS and it is important that the Scrutiny Commission for Health Issues is kept abreast of developments.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Department of Health ran an extensive listening exercise on the White Paper from July to October 2010. NHS Peterborough is briefing Peterborough Local Involvement Network, elected representatives, the NHS Peterborough Consultation Forum and other interested groups as Clinical Commissioning develops in Peterborough.

8. NEXT STEPS

- 8.1 That the Commission note the presentation and it is suggested that there are regular updates as Clinical Commissioning progresses.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- 9.1 None

10. APPENDICES

- 10.1 Appendix 1 – Presentation - Developing clinical commissioning in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough