
Health Scrutiny Committee

12 February 2007

Report of the Head of Civic, Democratic and Legal Services

GP Services in York

Summary

1. This report is to introduce Dr David Hartley of Jorvik Medical Practice and Dr Brian McGregor of Gale Farm Medical Practice who have been invited to talk to members and are willing to answer relevant questions.

Background

2. In June 2006 and January 2007 members considered a document which gave guidance to GPs on referral criteria and service thresholds. Members had expressed their concerns that the referrals from York medical practices should continue to adequately meet the needs of local people. They were assured by North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust that they were working with local practice-based commissioning groups to ensure that this would happen.
3. Dr David Hartley is the Chair of York Health Group which is the organisation representing all medical practices involved in practice-based commissioning, he is also an elected member of the North Yorkshire Local Medical Committee (LMC). Dr Brian McGregor is the secretary of North Yorkshire LMC and an elected member of York Health Group.
4. Practice based commissioning is the process by which primary care professionals become more involved in commissioning decisions, members may be interested in hearing about its impact on patients and GPs.

Consultation

5. This item is part of the wider consultation process that members are carrying out in order to ascertain the impact of changes to services commissioned or provided by North Yorkshire and

York PCT.

Options

6. Members are asked to consider the information provided by the GPs attending this meeting and ask questions which will inform their current work.

Analysis

7. Members have had ongoing discussions with PCT representatives as well as holding a recent public Health Forum in which representatives of voluntary sector organisations and health service professionals could inform their elected representatives about the impact on them of changes in services. The discussion at the meeting will add to the body of knowledge that members are developing.

Corporate Priorities

8. Relevant to Corporate Priority 7 – Improve the health and lifestyles of the people who live in York, in particular among groups whose levels of health are the poorest.

Implications

9. There are no known Financial, HR, Equalities, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT or other implications at this stage.

Risk Management

10. In compliance with the Councils risk management strategy, there are no risks associated with the recommendations of this report.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to receive the information provided by Dr David Hartley and Dr Brian McGregor to inform the ongoing review work.

Reason: In order to carry out their duty to promote the health needs of the people they represent.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s) *None*

Wards Affected:

All



For further information please contact the author of the report

Annexes

None

Background Papers

None