

**Purpose**

Provide Dudley Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee with an overview of NHS England's plans to coproduce a primary care strategic framework and discuss/inform its development.

**Background**

Developing primary care is essential to ensure that the NHS England vision of 'high quality care for all, and for future generations' is delivered upon. The changing nature of health and social care means that all aspects of the current system, especially primary care have to respond to the new opportunities and challenges to be able to deliver the vision.

The existing CGG and Health and Wellbeing strategies define a number of key outcomes which are important to Dudley. For many of these, good, consistent, primary care is a vital ingredient in order that they may be delivered. Good primary care is also an essential ingredient of a well-functioning community.

Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country Area Team are committed to work together with Dudley CCG, Dudley Health & Well Being Board and Dudley Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee to improve the performance and quality of primary care. Our initial work has focused on establishing the systems and processes to underpin this work alongside engaging with all key partners to establish the key priorities going forward.

General practice services face increasingly unsustainable pressures. In responding to these pressures, we have the opportunity to transform the way in which general practice services are delivered, placing them at the heart of more integrated systems of community-based health services. Key issues to be addressed in this transformation are:

- Changing demographics
- Access & Satisfaction
- Pressure on financial resources
- Workforce pressure

Taken together, these challenges culminate in an unsustainable system for general practice provision. Through a local strategic framework we want to enable a transformation by providing resources and tools for local commissioners. Two key principles shape our approach:

- We want to create a **shared purpose** (amongst commissioners and general practice providers) to improve outcomes in collaboration.
- We want to **build possibility** to empower communities, patients and all those working in general practice and to liberate and equip NHS general practice to be the best it can.

NHS England is working through various steps to develop a primary care strategic framework. One of the key steps is to undertake engagement with key stakeholders to support the coproduction of a framework that achieves high quality primary care. This will support the coming together of various stakeholders to serve the local population in the best way possible.

#### **Proposal to Dudley Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee**

It is proposed to explore and discuss key aspects relating to primary care with Dudley Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee and partners so that they can help support and inform NHS England in both its strategic and operational aims regarding Primary Care.