

Executive Committee

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NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group – Clinical Services Review

For Decision

Portfolio Holder

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Statutory Authority

Public consultation by Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

Purpose of Report

- 1 For your committee to provide a response to the Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) consultation on the Clinical Services Review about the future of clinical healthcare services in Dorset.

Officer Recommendations

- 2 That the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety & Access takes into account comments made by this committee and submits a response on behalf of the council to the CCG Clinical Services Review consultation.

Reason for Decision

- 3 To allow the councils voice to be heard in this important consultation which will help shape the future provision of clinical healthcare services in West Dorset.

Background and Reason Decision Needed

- 4 The Clinical Services Review (CSR) is being led by NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group which is responsible for planning and securing healthcare in Dorset. A public consultation on review proposals is open for a 12-week period up to 28 February 2017. The council may wish to submit a response.

5 The CCG state that the review is being undertaken because;

- There are unacceptable variations in the quality of care across Dorset
- Staff with the right skills are not always where patients most need them
- The cost of providing healthcare in Dorset is more than the funding available

The CCG believe that if nothing is done the consequences will include more difficulties in getting GP appointments; longer waiting times at A&E; more cancelled operations; insufficient hospital beds; problems in seeing specialists and unplanned service cuts. These would lead to lower safety; worsening health and survival rates.

6 The CCG's vision is "*to change our healthcare system to provide services that meet the needs of local people and deliver better outcomes.*" There are 5 key ambitions;

- Services organised around people rather than facilities
- Supporting people to stay well and take better care of themselves
- Delivering more care close to home
- Integrated teams of professionals working together
- Centralising hospital services

The Government has required each of the local health and social care areas (Dorset being one) to produce a Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) based around these ambitions and the CCG believe that the proposals in the consultation document will be an important part of delivering the STP in Dorset.

Consultation Document

7 The consultation document can be found at;

<https://www.csr.dorsetsvision.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2016/11/csr-consultation-document.pdf>

The main themes of the consultation are;

- A substantial expansion of interventions for the prevention of ill health
- A greater focus on self-care so that people have the confidence and support to manage their own health
- Avoiding gaps in services and removing boundaries that exist between primary and community care and services delivered in hospitals
- Groups of GP's leading mixed teams of doctors, nurses and social care professionals so that they can make better use of their skills to meet patients' needs
- A different way of providing urgent and emergency care services that are fit for the future so that more lives can be saved and improve care

These themes are developed in proposals for *Integrated Community Services – Options for Change* and *Proposed Options for Acute Hospitals*, the detail of which is contained within the consultation document.

Implications for West Dorset residents

- 8 The draft proposals for North, Mid and West Dorset (which covers West Dorset residents) includes community hubs with beds at Blandford, Sherborne and Bridport hospitals. A community hub at Dorset County Hospital with access to community beds in proposed hubs at Sherborne, Bridport and Weymouth community hospitals.

It is proposed that the major emergency hospital should be located in the east of the county in either Bournemouth or Poole and that the major planned care hospital with a 24/7 Urgent Care Centre will be located in the other town.

It is proposed that Dorset County Hospital in Dorchester will be a planned care and emergency hospital with 24/7 A&E services, which will help to ensure good access for all of Dorset's population. This would mean that most services provided at Dorset County Hospital would remain largely as they are now.

Points that members may wish to consider in suggesting a response include;

- Additional strain that may be placed on clinical health services through planned increased housing provision.
- The role of the council in healthy housing provision and healthy lifestyles in preventing ill health.

Consultation response

- 9 The consultation questionnaire is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. With respect to integrated community services and West Dorset, there is information on page 2. Proposed options for acute hospitals are covered on pages 4-6. It is suggested that following your meeting, a response will be finalised and submitted to Dorset CCG.

Healthwatch Dorset has information about the review at;

<http://www.healthwatchdorset.co.uk/CSR>

Implications

Corporate Plan

- 10 Priorities: Empowering Thriving and Inclusive Communities and Improving Quality of Life

Equalities

- 11 An Equalities Impact Assessment for the consultation has been undertaken by Dorset CCG. Healthwatch Dorset is collecting data about access to the consultation document and questionnaire.

Consultation and Engagement

- 12 The consultation has been circulated to all councillors for any individual responses to be made. There are a series of public engagement events and details of these are on the Dorset CCG website.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – CSR Consultation Questionnaire

Background Papers

Nil

Footnote

Issues relating to financial, environmental, economic and equalities implications have been considered and any information relevant to the decision is included within the report.

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