

**CCG URGENT AND EMERGENCY CARE REVIEW**

**To: HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Date: 8 September 2016**

**From: The Monitoring Officer**

**Electoral division(s): All**

**Forward Plan ref: Not applicable**

**Purpose: The Committee is being asked to consider a motion from Councillor Jenkins to establish a task force to scrutinise the review of Urgent and Emergency Services being conducted by Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)**

**Recommendation: The Committee is asked to**

**a) Consider the motion as presented in section 2 of the report**

**and, if it is decided to support the motion, to**

- b) Establish a task force to scrutinise with some urgency**
  - i) The terms or reference of the CCG's current review;**
  - ii) The process whereby it is carrying it out;**
  - iii) The extent to which local needs are being factored into it;**
  - iv) The objective criteria which it is using in order to identify the preferred options; and**
  - v) The way in which it has and will engage, consult and communicate with the communities which will be affected.**

**c) Agree the size and appoint the members of the task force; and**

**d) Agree the duration and reporting schedule of the task force**

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In July 2015, NHS England and its national partners announced a new type of care model vanguards. There are eight urgent and emergency care vanguards which will improve the coordination of urgent and emergent care services and reduce the pressure on Accident and Emergency (A&E) departments.
- 1.2 The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough System is an Urgent and Emergency Care (UEC) Vanguard site. Under national guidelines, Clinical Commissioning Groups that have vanguard sites are required to carry out a re-designation of all UEC facilities including minor injury units.
- 1.3 The CCG is undertaking this work following national guidance from the Keogh Review. Keogh's vision was to standardise the approach to urgent and emergency care and to ensure that labels for services were consistent in the future. As a Vanguard site, the CCG was invited to accelerate this work
- 1.4 There are three categories of designations of UEC units under these national guidelines:
  - Urgent Care Centre
  - Emergency Centre
  - Emergency Centre with specialised services
- 1.5 Councillor Jenkins, as Chairman of the Health Committee, has formulated a motion for consideration by the Committee. The motion recommends the establishment of a Health Committee Task Force or working group to scrutinise the CCG's proposals in more detail.

## **2. THE MOTION**

Committee notes that:

- The CCG is conducting a review of its delivery of urgent and emergency services;
- There is considerable public concern that this review will result the closure of facilities including Minor Injury Units (MIUs) at the community hospitals in Wisbech, Doddington and Ely;
- Some people are also concerned that this review will lead to the closure of community hospitals themselves although this has not been suggested by the CCG; and
- The loss of such local minor injury services would specifically impact parts of Cambridgeshire which have higher levels of deprivation and be at odds with other programs targeted at addressing them.

It is concerned that the CCG:

- Has not taken sufficient account of the needs of communities which will be affected by the possible closures. It believes that a broad view should be taken of their full range of needs and that it should not be limited to just urgent and emergency services;

- Has not demonstrated how changes to the MIUs in the proposed options would impact on other NHS services such as primary care and A&E; and
- Has not done a good job of communicating what is needed and what the various options which it is considering might deliver. It recognises that the options have not yet been fully developed.

It therefore recommends that a task force be established to scrutinise with some urgency:

- The terms or reference of the CCG's current review;
- The process whereby it is carrying it out;
- The extent to which local needs are being factored into it;
- The objective criteria which it is using in order to identify the preferred options; and
- The way in which it has and will engage, consult and communicate with the communities which will be affected.

### **3. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS**

#### **3.1 Resource Implications**

Officer time to support a working group

#### **3.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications**

There are no significant implications within this category.

#### **3.3 Equality and Diversity Implications**

Promoting equality of access to services

#### **3.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications**

Working group would be reviewing the CCG's engagement and consultation processes.

#### **3.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement**

Local issues will be examined by the working group; local members are already aware.

#### **3.6 Public Health Implications**

Potential changes to access to services with reference to the Transport and Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) 2015

Source Documents	Location
CCG website contains further information on the Urgent and Emergency Care Reviews	<a href="http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/">http://www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/</a>
NHS England website contains general information about the national Urgent and Emergency Care Vanguard	<a href="https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurenhs/new-care-models/uec/">https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurenhs/new-care-models/uec/</a>