

Adults and Health Committee

Health Scrutiny Recommendations Tracker

Purpose:

To record the recommendations made by the Adults and Health Committee in the discharge of its health scrutiny function, and their outcomes.

Meeting 29th June 2023

Report title	Officer/s responsible	Recommendation/s	Outcomes	Status
Access to GP Primary Care Services	N Briggs, ICS	<p>A copy of the Committee's conclusions was sent to the Chief Finance Officer at the Integrated Care System (ICS) on 23rd August 2023.</p> <p>The Committee requested that a copy of the ICS report on lessons learnt from the experience at Priors Field be provided once the review was completed.</p>	<p>The report is expected to be considered by the ICB Primary Care Commissioning Sub-Committee in January 2024, so a copy should be provided in February 2024.</p> <p>04.12.24: The report will be reviewed in January 2024, so the earliest date it is expected to be available is March 2024.</p> <p>Reminders sent 29.05.24, 07.06.24, 16.08.24, 06.09.24, 23.09.24</p> <p>02.10.24: A copy of the exempt report circulated electronically to committee members.</p>	Completed

Rapid Review of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Integrated Care System Winter Planning December 2023

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	C Anderson, Chief Nursing Officer ICS	<p>The Committee learned during its scrutiny of improving health outcomes for people with learning disabilities on 14th December 2023 that respiratory disease is one of the highest causes of premature mortality amongst people with learning disabilities in Cambridgeshire.</p> <p>The Committee requests a short note setting out what steps have been taken to ensure that people with learning disabilities and their families are aware of the new multi-disciplinary pathways available to manage respiratory illness, and the reasonable adjustments in place to make these accessible to people with learning disabilities.</p>	<p>7.06.24: As the Committee will recall, the ICB were taking action to increase the uptake of vaccination and respiratory checks, pre-Winter. This was undertaken by direct contact with people with Learning Disabilities to invite them for assessment. In the longer term, this is part of the work the ICS is undertaking in relation to supporting people with complex needs and is being led by the North and South Place Partnerships.</p> <p>In terms of reasonable adjustments, the Committee will be aware, the ICB has commissioned external support to enable a co-produced quality improvement programme for Learning Disability health services. One of the key priorities in this is ensuring reasonable adjustments. The ICB Board had a Learning Disabilities update at its last meeting and reasonable adjustments and equity of access were pivotal in that discussion. The ICB Board is due to receive an update in its public meeting in July, to sign off the priorities for quality improvement over the next year, which will include improvements in reasonable adjustments.</p>	Completed

Meeting 14th December 2023

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Improving Health Outcomes for People with Learning Disabilities	C Anderson, Chief Nursing Officer, ICS	Requests a short written update in 12 months' time on the outcome of the pilot project to align annual health care checks for people with learning disabilities with their birthdays. This should state whether this initiative will be rolled out across the county; and, if so, the timescale for doing so.		Follow up requested January 2025
Improving Health Outcomes for People with Learning Disabilities	P Warren-Higgs, Executive Director Adults, Health and Commissioning/ C Anderson, Chief Nursing Officer, ICS	Recommends that County Council officers work with Health Service partners to offer basic healthcare training to carers so that they can carry out basic health checks and support such as mouth care and inspections; foot care inspections; and supporting good eating techniques to reduce the risk of aspiration for people with learning disabilities.	On-going work with health partners to establish appropriate available training options for those carers supporting those with LD in these specific areas and access routes into these specific training programmes.	On-going
Improving Health Outcomes for People with Learning Disabilities	C Anderson, Chief Nursing Officer, ICS	Requests a short written evaluation in 12 months' time of the learning from the keyworker pilot project. This should include the number of people with learning disabilities receiving the support of a keyworker against the known population of people with learning disabilities in Cambridgeshire in December 2023 and December 2024 (separate figures for adults and children); and an assessment of the impact in practical terms of the keyworker programme in improving access		Follow up requested January 2025

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		to and the experience of health care services by people with learning disabilities, including supporting the transition from children's to adult services.		
Improving Health Outcomes for People with Learning Disabilities	R Greenhill, Democratic Services Officer	The Committee will seek feedback from people with learning disabilities about their experience of having a keyworker in 12 months' time via the Learning Disability Partnership, Voiceability and Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.		Follow up October 2024
Improving Health Outcomes for People with Learning Disabilities	C Anderson, Chief Nursing Officer, ICS	Requests a short written evaluation in 12 months' time of the pilot project being run in two special schools to deliver health services in an education setting. This should include whether the programme will be extended, maintained or discontinued.		Follow up requested January 2025
Improving Health Outcomes for People with Learning Disabilities	C Anderson, Chief Nursing Officer ICS	Notes that all organisations that provide NHS care have been legally required to follow the Accessible Information Standard since 2016. The Committee requests an update in 12 months' time on the progress made in rolling out health care information in easy read format across Cambridgeshire's health services.		Follow up requested January 2025
Improving Health Outcomes for People with	R Greenhill, Democratic Services Officer	The Committee will consult the Learning Disability Partnership, Voiceability and Healthwatch in 12 months' time to request		Follow up requested

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Learning Disabilities		their perspectives on the progress made in rolling out health care information in easy read format across Cambridgeshire's health services.		January 2025
Improving Health Outcomes for People with Learning Disabilities	C Anderson, Chief Nursing Officer	Requests an update in 12 months' time on the number of NHS healthcare professionals in Cambridgeshire who have completed the Oliver McGowan training course at each level, the percentage figures for staff trained out of the total staff number identified as needing to undertake this training; and a comparison of Cambridgeshire's performance against national training completion rates.		Follow up requested January 2025
NHS Workforce Development – Primary Care and Nursing Workforce	C Iton, Chief People Officer, ICS	Requests a note in six months' time (June 2024) on the measures in place to ensure that digital access to NHS health services is not the only route available to local people.	While the Integrated Care System is exploring an expansion and improvement in digital access, we are not taking away any other existing access routes, such as GP phone access, for example.	Completed
NHS Workforce Development – Primary Care and Nursing Workforce	P Warren-Higgs, Executive Director for Adults, Health and Commissioning	Requests that County Council officers liaise with the Chief People Officer at the ICS to explore the potential for joint working in relation to the County Council's new social care academy, the Cambridgeshire Academy for Reaching Excellence (CARE). A short written update is requested in three months' time.		On-going

Meeting 7th March 2024

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The Provision of NHS Dental Services in Cambridgeshire	N Briggs, CFO ICB	The Committee encourages the ICB to move quickly to assess the sufficiency of dental provision in Cambridgeshire, and requests a briefing note providing an update on this work by the end of July 2024.	Reminder sent 16.08.24 30.09.24: Briefing note shared electronically with committee members and co-optees.	Completed
The Provision of NHS Dental Services in Cambridgeshire	J Bendon, Primary Care Contracts Business Partner (Dental)	The Committee requests that ICB officers advise the Director of Public Health of the current oral health promotion budget that has been transferred to the ICB from NHSE, and that the ICB renews discussions with the Public Health team around making best use of that oral health budget.	07.06.24: The Oral Health and Epidemiology funding that sits within the Special Care Dental Contract was shared with the Public Health Team on 10 May 2024. The ICB commissions the Oral Health and Epidemiology service on behalf of the Local Authority and works very closely with Public Health colleagues regarding the delivery of this service.	Completed
The Provisions of NHS Dental Services in Cambridgeshire	N Briggs, CFO ICB	The Committee calls on the ICB to review the evidence in the Healthwatch report Our position on NHS dentistry that some dental practices will not see children as NHS patients unless their parents registered as private patients, to establish if this is happening in Cambridgeshire and, if it is, to consider how this can be prevented.	07.06.24: Dental practices are independent providers who hold a contract to provide NHS dental services. Dental providers manage their own practice including capacity and determine whether they are able to accept additional/new patients and therefore their lists can open and close on a frequent basis. The ability of a practice to accept new NHS patients should be related to their NHS capacity, rather than any condition that other patients (whether relatives or not), have to	Completed

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			<p>enter into certain separate financial relationships with a practice.</p> <p>The ICB would expect a dental practice with an NHS contract to act in the best interests of patients rather impose conditions on the access to NHS dental care for children being dependent upon their parents entering into a private contract with the practice. Where we are made aware of such practice by a particular provider, we robustly follow this up to remind them about their obligations under their NHS contract.</p>	
The Provisions of NHS Dental Services in Cambridgeshire	N Briggs, CFO ICB	The Committee advocates collaboration and a cross-party partnership approach to lobbying Health Education England for a major extension of dental training provision in Cambridgeshire. The ICB is requested to open a conversation on this with Health Education England, and to keep the Committee informed of how and when it can support this dialogue.	<p>30.09.24: Health Education England has merged with NHS England. The Early Years Dean is involved in an operational task and finish group with officers of the ICB with regards to the ICB local and National Dental Incentivisation schemes that have been launched.</p> <p>The ICB system workforce also sits on this task and finish group to ensure that all teams are aligned. Work remains on-going, and is described in more detail in the briefing note circulated to committee members on 30th September 2024.</p>	Completed
The Provisions of NHS Dental Services in Cambridgeshire	P Warren-Higgs/ N Briggs, CFO ICB/	The Committee requests that County Council officers and the ICB discuss wider collaboration in relation to the ICB's workforce strategy, including dentistry,		On-going

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	C Iton, Chief People Officer, ICB	and the opportunities offered by the new Care Academy.		
The Provisions of NHS Dental Services in Cambridgeshire	J Bendon, Primary Care Contracts Business Partner (Dental)	The Committee requests a briefing note on overseas recruitment of dentists and registration arrangements.	<p>07.06.24: As part of the NHS England National Dental Recovery Plan, the government proposed to enable overseas-qualified dentists who have not yet achieved full GDC registration to be able to work in the UK more quickly through the introduction of a system of provisional registration. Provisional registration would allow an overseas-qualified dentist, under supervision by a fully GDC registered dentist, to practise dentistry in the UK in any dental setting, including high street dental practices, without first needing to pass either the Overseas Registration Examination (ORE) or the License in Dental Surgery (LDS) exam.</p> <p>The Department of Health and Social Care launched a consultation to bring in legislation (in accordance with the requirements of section 60 of the Health Act 1999) that will provide GDC with powers to provisionally register overseas-qualified dentists who have not yet met GDC's requirements for full registration.</p> <p>The full consultation can be accessed from here: https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/provisional-registration-for-overseas-</p>	Completed

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			qualified-dentists/provisional-registration-for-overseas-qualified-dentists This closed on 16 May 2024, the outcome of this is awaited.	
The Provisions of NHS Dental Services in Cambridgeshire	R Greenhill, DSO	The Committee requests that the ICB attend a follow-up health scrutiny session in 6-12 months' time. Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough will also be invited to attend and to provide feedback on patient experience of the ICB's Dental Improvement Plan.	Scheduled for March 2025.	Completed