

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
13 JANUARY 2015	
OUTCOMES OF PRIMARY CARE ACCESS CHALLENGE FUND PILOTS	
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)	Agenda item: 4

1. Purpose

To consider the outcomes of the primary care access challenge fund pilots and next steps in rolling out learning across the region.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information provided to scrutinise the implications for patients in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire of the outcomes of pilots to improve access to primary care services.

3. Background information

- 3.1 In May 2014 the Committee heard that Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire had been awarded funding of £5.2m from a national challenge fund of £50m to pilot ways of improving access to primary care. This was to be a 12 month project supported by the NHS England Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Area Team, working with local clinical commissioning groups to test different interventions in different practices. Across the whole area this included increasing access to and availability of appointments through 7 day a week services; new ways of communicating and flexibility in access e.g. using Skype; expanding use of telecare; and joining up services between GPs and hospitals. The aims of an area-wide approach were to share knowledge across the area so that what works could be rolled out at pace and scale; effective achievement of training and workforce planning to support the pilots and into the future; and carrying out evaluation to secure future funding.
- 3.2 Leads from NHS England and local clinical commissioning groups will be attending the meeting to provide information on the outcomes so far of the pilots which have taken place across the area, how the learning is being rolled out across the area and the implications of this for patients in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
- 3.3 A second wave of the challenge fund has been announced of £100m, aimed at practices not participating in wave one.

4. List of attached information

None

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

None

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

Report to and minutes of meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee held on 13 May 2014

7. Wards affected

All

8. Contact information

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