

20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Agenda Item: 4

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **HOMESTART ASHFIELD**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive information on the requested review by stakeholders on the decommissioning of the Homestart Ashfield service.

#### **Information**

2. The Health Scrutiny Committee previously received a briefing from commissioners regarding the decommissioning of the Ashfield Homestart Service in June 2018.
3. Members heard that Homestart Ashfield was a voluntary home visiting service which promoted the welfare of families with at least one child under 5 years of age. The service had multiple funding sources, including Councils, health and charitable organisations.
4. The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) ceased to fund the service in August 2017, following a review. This was because the service was not direct health interventions, and alternative sources of support were available through health visiting, Sure Start, and Family Nurse Partnerships.
5. Members were disappointed by the decision to decommission this service and wished for it to be reconsidered by way of a review conducted by stakeholders and partners properly informed by the impact of the loss of the service.
6. Senior representatives from the commissioners will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to brief Members and answer questions as necessary. In addition, a written briefing is provided as an appendix to this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Considers and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Schedules further consideration, as necessary.

**Councillor Keith Girling**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

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