

21 February 2023

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ACCESS TO GP SERVICES

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a further briefing on issues of concern to Members in relation to access to GP services.

Information

2. Issues in respect of access to GP services is a recurring issue raised by residents with elected representatives, and one which the Committee has previously considered at its meetings in September and November 2021 and again in January 2022.
3. Previous consideration of GP access issues took place in the context of the then-ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Now, as the NHS and wider society learns to live with the virus, the focus has shifted to how GP access now functions in a more 'post-pandemic' environment.
4. Lucy Dadge, Director of Integration at the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board will be accompanied by Joe Lunn, Associate Director of Primary Care, Lynette Daws, Head of Primary Care, Paul Miller, Head of Primary Care IT, and GPs Dr Stephen Shortt and Dr Thilan Bartholomeusz to brief Members and answer questions.
5. Members are requested to consider and comment on the information provided and identify any future actions arising from consideration of the issue. It is intended that there is a themed focus to discussions, addressing areas such as enhanced access, different appointment types, workforce pressures, telephony and IT initiatives. It is planned to address specific queries and comments on practice level issues outside the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Identifies any future actions arising from consideration.

**Councillor Sue Saddington
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All