

ACHIEVING FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY IN THE NHS

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider a briefing paper from the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) providing a summary of the financial position of the NHS in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, and highlighting a series of planned service changes and adjustments over the next two years to deliver financial sustainability.

Information

2. While overall NHS expenditure in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire will increase in 2024-25, this comes against a backdrop of increasing national and local pressures on resources. These pressures, which include increased and more complex demand for services, inflationary pressures, increased staffing and the impact of industrial action, make it more difficult to deliver service priorities and requirements identified by NHS England within existing available resources.
3. The ICB has therefore drawn up a set of proposals designed to address patient need, best value and financial sustainability over the next two years. The proposed actions include rationalising and consolidating contracts in line with value-based commissioning principles, increased use of digital technology, more cost-efficient prescribing practices and a review of health and social care packages. It is anticipated these changes will deliver savings of £64 million over the two-year period of financial adjustment.
4. Lucy Dadge and Alex Ball will attend the meeting to brief members and answer questions.

RECOMMENDATION

Nottinghamshire Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- Note the contents of this report.
- Indicate which proposed changes require further consideration.
- Discuss how the Committee would like to receive further updates.

Councillor Roger Jackson
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All