

Council

23 October 2018

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2

Report of the Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee 2

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present an outline of Scrutiny meetings undertaken since the last report to Council on 24 July 2018.

2.0 Scrutiny 2 Meeting on 18 October 2018

2.1 Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group Update

Janet Probert (Chief Officer), Lisa Pope (Deputy Chief Operating Officer) and Dr Mark Hodgson (Richmondshire GP & Governing Body Member) attended on behalf of HRW CCG to provide an update on a range of matters, including:

- Friarage Hospital
- General Practice Priorities
- Catterick Integrated Care Campus
- Friary Hospital
- Patient Transport Service
- CCG Challenges and Priorities

Whilst all of these matters are interrelated, the substantive topics of debate were surrounding the impact of the Catterick Integrated Care Campus on GP services in Richmond and a change in implementation practice for the Patient Transport Service.

Dr Hodgson assured the Committee that the new Catterick facility would not result in a loss of GP services in Richmond as the town has a significant population with high demand and can sustain its own GP services. It will however be necessary to examine future service delivery closely before the lease at the Friary Hospital expires in March 2023. Detailed discussions are due to start next year.

Recent changes to how the Patient Transport Service, delivered by the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, is accessed was debated widely by the Committee. The CCG affirmed that no new policies have been created but that the national eligibility guidelines are being adhered to more rigidly. The CCG assured the Committee that patients relying on the service for dialysis, chemotherapy and radiotherapy will still have access to the service but that others will be assessed upon each request and that fewer people will now be eligible – although voluntary and a local authority transport schemes are still available. Members were concerned that despite a pilot

of 200 patients, no consultation had taken place prior to this change in enforcement. Details were requested on where the 200 patients were located and whether this reflected the rurality of Richmondshire's residents. The CCG offered to provide this information to officers for circulation to the Committee.

2.2 Dentistry in Richmondshire

Unfortunately, apologies had been received from NHS England so this matter was postponed to a future meeting. Dates are currently being agreed and members will be informed as soon as a suitable alternative is confirmed. By way of update, Officers have been informed that the temporary arrangements in place following the closure of several local practices have been extended and procurement processes are in place to secure provision on a more permanent basis.

3.0 **Work Programme**

- 3.1 The draft work programme was agreed for 2018 until 2019 which incorporates suggestions from Chair, Vice-Chair and members at previous meetings and standing items requiring periodical Scrutiny oversight.

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