

Report of Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adult Social Services, Public Health, NHS)

Date: 4 October 2016

Subject: Primary Care – summary of themes and proposed next steps

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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the themes relating to the scrutiny inquiry around primary care, and to set out the proposed next steps for consideration and approval.

2 Main issues

- 2.1 During the previous municipal year (2015/16), the Scrutiny Board received and considered a range of evidence associated with the planning and provision of Primary Care across the City. The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the themes identified during the inquiry and to set out the proposed next steps for consideration and approval.
- 2.2 Some of the specific issues considered and identified during the course of the inquiry included:
- Planning for the future demand for primary care services.
 - Transfer of commissioning responsibility and development of primary care strategies.
 - GP closures and transfers of patients.
 - Development and operation of Primary Care Committees.
 - Access to services and provision of extended hours.
 - The role of pharmacy services in the provision of primary care.
 - The impact of proposed budget reductions for pharmacy services.
 - The development and operation of integrated health and social care teams.

2.3 A more detailed summary of the key themes and the associated proposed next steps is provided at Appendix 1 (to follow).

3. Recommendations

3.1 Members are asked to consider the information provided in relation to the scrutiny inquiry around primary care, and to agree or amend the proposed next steps.

4. Background papers¹

None used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.