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Challenge and
Improvement Committee

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Subject: Questions to be posed to Officer Representatives from the Lincolnshire West CCG at a future meeting

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Purpose / Summary:

To present the proposed list of strategic questions for final approval

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Members review and agree the proposed list of strategic questions set out at Appendix A, for use at a future scrutiny session at which Officers from the Lincolnshire West CCG will be in attendance.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None

Financial : None

Staffing : None

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights : None

Risk Assessment : None

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : None

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Briefing Note presented to Challenge and Improvement Committee on 1 September 2015 located on website

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

x

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

x

1 Background and Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting on 1 September 2015 the Committee received a briefing which set the context and provided an overview of key aspects of the Council's working arrangements with the Lincolnshire West CCG in order to aid Members' understanding, and to assist them in formulating prospective questions to pose to Officers from the CCG at a future meeting.
- 1.2 Following lengthy workshop style discussion during which Members made a number of suggestions it was:

RESOLVED that Officers take away Members' comments and work up a series of strategic questions to pose to the CCG, for further consideration by the Committee at their next meeting.

- 1.3 At the Chairman's Briefing meeting on 28 September, Lead Members gave further consideration to the original briefing note and the comments expressed by the Committee on 1 September, as detailed within the minutes arising from that meeting.
- 1.4 Arising from which, attached at Appendix A, is the proposed list of Strategic Questions to be used at a future scrutiny session, when Officer representatives from the Lincolnshire West CCG will be in attendance.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Members review and agree the proposed list of strategic questions set out at Appendix A , for use at a future scrutiny session at which Officers from the Lincolnshire West CCG will be in attendance.

APPENDIX A

Proposed List of Strategic Questions

No	Question	Source
1	How can the work of the CCG and West Lindsey District Council be more joined up to ensure that we are working together on our respective priorities at local issues? For example during our Corporate Plan refresh West Lindsey have identified priorities relating to dementia care and prevention as occurrences of this disease are set to rise by 60% in 2030 and one in five of our residents have a disability.	Original Briefing Note
2	There appears to an issue both recruiting and retaining qualified health professionals in Lincolnshire. What is the current level of vacancies and how do the CCG plan to address this? Also taking into account the planned growth for Gainsborough additional GP surgeries will be required. How do the CCG plan to address this?	Original Briefing Note
3	Across just our District there appears to be a vast difference in waiting time for GP appointments which could lead to health issues escalating or people self-medicating. Are there any plans in place to standardise waiting times and if not how will this be improved?	Original Briefing Note
4	Our residents have to travel outside the District to attend hospital consultations and receive treatment. Are there any plans to develop the services and health care offered from the John Coupland Hospital in Gainsborough?	Original Briefing Note
5	With the recently announced public health funding cuts, preventative health services are likely to be significantly reduced or in some circumstances disappear. It is widely accepted that these services have an important role to play in preventing people from developing long term conditions, for example those associated with smoking, alcohol use and obesity. Do the CCG have any plans to fund preventative health services and initiatives if these services are withdrawn?	Original Briefing Note
6	The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment is currently being refreshed. How will the priorities of the respective Districts be reflected and addressed within this? For example the Health Profile in West Lindsey demonstrates that we are significantly worse than the England average for long term unemployment, adult obesity, diabetes and people being seriously injured or killed on the road.	Original Briefing Note

7	One of the main challenges for public organisations and agencies will be the issues around aging populations. How will the Neighbourhood Teams support people to remain independent and enjoy a fulfilled life? As West Lindsey is a sparsely populated rural District, one of the key challenges for the elderly is social isolation, what plans are in place to address this?	Original Briefing Note
8	Have the CCG benchmarked themselves against areas of a similar make-up? How do they compare? Is there any learning to take away?	Derived from Members Comments
9	How can you influence trusts to commission services and supplies to ensure the best return for the he minimum outlay, i.e. working within Framework agreements for example?	Derived from Members Comments

The Following comments / outline questions were also expressed by Committee at the meeting on 1 September, it is proposed that these are dealt with as follows:

No	Comment	Proposal
a	Access to GP's and the inequality in service provision / waiting times even in a small area.	This matter is covered by Q3 above
b	How sustainable is the NHS in Lincolnshire? What will it look like in 5, 10, 20 years time?	This matter is covered by Q5 above
c	In equality in screening and self help equipment in GP surgeries (often not working)?	This matter is covered by Q6
d	Are doctors under pressure not to refer patients due to costs?	To be saved as a supplementary question if required
e	Does the CGG feel that targets produce the best results?	To be saved as a supplementary question if required
f	Does increased local decision making maintain and strengthen the NHS	To be saved as a supplementary question if required