

Health Scrutiny Committee

(Sub-committee of the Public Health & Communities Policy Committee)

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Report of: BNSSG ICB

Title: General Practice Update

Ward: All

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Recommendations:

Members are asked to note the progress being made within general practice and take assurance in the good collaboration to date regarding collective action mitigations.

Feedback is welcomed from members with regards to any local insights they may have from their communities in respect of collective action activity.

The significant issues in the report are:

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) has a number of measures in place to help monitor general practice quality and resilience. This report provides a broad overview and also highlights some of the particular challenges with regards to access and workforce challenges. It also provides an overview of GP collective action and what steps are being taken locally.



1. Summary

This item covers:

- Overview of general practice structure
- Monitoring of practices
- Access recovery update
- GP collective action briefing.

2. Context

Please see supporting slides for full details regarding this item.

3. Policy

A number of legal documents, published by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), formally underpin the GP contract. Further information is available on the [NHS England website](#).

The [General Practice Forward View \(GP Forward View\)](#), was published in April 2016. In 2019, [The NHS Long Term Plan](#) was published, setting out further ambitions for general practice and [primary care](#), building on the ambitions in the GP Forward View. It should be noted that new national direction may emerge with regards to primary care as a result of the NHS 10-Year Plan, which is currently in development.

4. Consultation

We are working collaboratively with system partners, Avon LMC and GPCB on areas contained within this report.

GP practices are responsible for informing their patients of changes to working practices as a result of collective action (no changes outside of their contractual arrangements). The ICB will continue to provide system-wide updates via the ICB website.

5. Public Sector Equality Duties

Targeted work is underway with practices that are within particularly deprived areas to help us understand processes, care navigation, appointment book mapping, population need and workforce planning. This will help us to work with the practices to better understand how we can support and address community need.

Teams are regularly reviewing impacts and potential risks and implementing appropriate mitigations in relation to collective action activity as information emerges.

Appendices:

None.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Background Papers: None.