

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 23 October 2017

Subject: BNSSG STP

Question PS01 submitted by: Mike Campbell

I am sure that members are mindful of the questions from, and responses to, members of the public at the last JHOSC meeting in December 2016, when this committee resolved “to receive the [STP] report: this would not indicate acceptance of the STP proposals as presented”.

I welcome the fact that item 7, Sustainability & Transformation Plan (STP) for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire is being presented with the purpose of updating the JHOSC on progress with the BNSSG STP plans. Does this mean that the committee now accepts the plans?

Bristol CCG recently said, “we have a significant gap in our finances across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire and we are looking at a number of ways to help us balance our budgets”. But the STP report contains no information about how this will be done.

My reading of the STP report is that it is rather selective in what areas it covers. For example, there is no mention of proposed changes to and consultations on reproductive medicine issues, no mention of post-cancer breast reconstruction policy issues, no mention of proposals to reduce the prescribing of ‘Over the Counter’ medicines and no mention of changes to urgent care provisions.

Are consultations on such matters taking place with elected members?

Reply from the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee first formally met on 23 October 2017 and have not been asked to ‘sign off’ or accept any plans. The Joint Committee will continue to receive regular updates as the BNSSG Sustainability and Transformation Partnership plans emerge so that the Joint Committee has the opportunity to comment and provide input at the appropriate points.

Reply from the Chief Executive, BNSSG CCGs

- The proposed changes referred to which have been subject to recent consultation are part of the work to implement the CCGs’ operational plan for 2017/19 and are not directly part of the programme of work relating to the STP. The feedback from each of consultations will inform decisions by the CCG Governing Body about whether to proceed with the proposed changes.
- Details of the CCGs’ operational plan are available on each of the CCG websites - this is a combined operational plan for the three current CCGs
- For each of the consultations a ‘you said, we did’ report will be published summarising the feedback received in each case and the actions being taken in response to this.

- Decisions in relation to the each of the proposals will be taken by the CCG Governing Bodies via the regular public meetings.
- As part of the consultation process briefing material was provided to the members of each of the local authority involved in the overview and scrutiny of health matters.