

COMMITTEE: STRATEGIC OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY

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SUBMISSION:

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Title (in the form of a question):

How will the proposed transformation of primary care / medical practice across Ipswich continue to meet the needs of residents as the town population grows? And how will needs be met during the various stages of the transformation?

Brief explanation of work programme area and reason why the proposed area should be scrutinised:

Existing medical practices offer a variety of primary care services and there is no clarity on what is provided by each individual surgery. There are different standards of premises and provision across the town.

At the 10th October meeting of the SCC Health Scrutiny Committee it was outlined that “the overall direction for Primary Care in Ipswich and the East is to develop Health and Care “hubs” the purpose of the “hubs” is to transform the way health is provided.” It would be useful to better understand how this model will be implemented for the five suggested hubs in Ipswich, what will happen to services in the meantime and how the public will be involved in the process.

Evidence required to meet work programme request:

To carry out research in order to develop questions and provide sufficient background information for the committee we would seek information on current provision and the planned new model from organisations which could include Ipswich & East Suffolk CCG, NHS England, Suffolk GP Federation and Healthwatch Suffolk.

Expected outcome from the work programme item:

To provide public scrutiny on how the existing medical practices will meet the needs of Ipswich residents and how the public and all stakeholders can influence the proposed 5 medical and health care hubs for the town in the future. Specifically, it would be helpful for the committee to have:

- a directory of existing medical practices within Ipswich complete with information about what services they each offer*
- a better public awareness of health care options*
- a better understanding of when, where and how the changes will be implemented, over what time frame, and with what funding*
- a reassurance that the “5 hubs” model is sufficient to meet the needs of a growing Ipswich*

Structure/type of work:

Task and Finish group to be set up to scope and research the subject in more detail, drawing on external advice as necessary. To report back to committee with a suggested set of questions and a list of witnesses to attend a full committee meeting to allow members to debate and make recommendations