Health and Social Care Integration

Committee considering report: Communities Select Committee
Date of Committee: 08 November 2016

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To introduce to the Select Committee the background to Health and Social Integration.

2. Recommendation

2.1 It is recommended that the Commission carries out scrutiny on the information provided by Officers.

Executive Summary

3. Introduction

3.1 On receipt of a request for the subject of Health and Social Care Integration to be considered for scrutiny, the Chairman of the Communities Select Committee (CSC) has agreed that the matter should be examined at the 8 November 2016 meeting of the Committee.

3.2 Although Tandra Forster, Head of Adult Social Care, will provide a presentation to the Commission, this report provides a brief introduction to the topic.

4. Background

4.1 The Health and Social Care Act (2012) promoted better integration of health services and provided roles for partner agencies (notably Local Authorities) in order to reform how services are delivered and to improve outcomes for the people who use them.

4.2 Integrating health and social care services means focussing on meeting the challenges of an ageing population by shifting resources to community-based and preventative care at home, or in a homely setting.

4.3 There are some challenges associated with these changes such as agreeing budgets, complex governance arrangements, and workforce planning.

4.4 Tandra Forster will provide a presentation in order to explain the plans to reform health and social care services locally. The presentation will cover the following:

(1) Legislation
(2) Demography
(3)  Funding v Demand
(4)  Pioneer Bids
(5)  Better Care Fund
(6)  NHS five year forward view
(7)  Sustainability Transformation Plans
(8)  Challenges

5.  Conclusion

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6.  Appendices

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