

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF GENERAL PRACTITIONER (GP) SERVICES IN HEREFORDSHIRE

Report By: Directorate Services Officer - Health

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To consider the scoping statement for a review of GP Services in Herefordshire.

Financial Implications

2. The costs of the review will be accommodated within existing budgets.

Background

3. On 25 February this Committee considered a report on the GP led walk in health centre to be provided in Hereford City. It was observed that the provision of a walk-in centre open from 8am until 8pm seven days a week contrasted favourably with provision in the Market Towns and rural areas. GPs have the option to provide extended opening hours and at the moment some 50% of GP practices in the County have opted to do so. The range of services offered by GP practices also varies. It was proposed that there should be a scrutiny review of the services offered by GP practices within the County.

Rationale for the Review

4. The subject proposed for review is considered to be of high importance with a potentially high impact for the Community as a whole. The following reasons support this review:
 - The issue is both strategic and significant.
 - There is the potential to add value to the Council's and Partner's overall performance
 - There is clear potential for effective outcomes
 - It is an issue of concern to partners, stakeholders and the Community
 - The review is timely and can be resourced.

Considerations

5. A scoping statement for this work is appended.

RECOMMENDATION

- THAT (a) the scoping statement as appended be approved;
- (b) the Membership of the Review Group be confirmed; and
- (c) a Chairman of the Review group be appointed.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None