

## **Report to O and S from GCC Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2022**

Full recordings of these meetings are available and can be found in the “Online meetings” section of the Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) website. According to the website a full recording of this 11<sup>th</sup> January meeting will be available from 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.

The public information pack which includes the power point presentations is available now and can be found on the GCC website. The minutes will be available soon. These will give you much more detailed information.

### **There were three Scrutiny Items: Primary Care**

As with all areas of the NHS Primary Care has been working under enormous pressure recently. GPs in the county have been mobilising and running vaccination centres with success. The number of GP appointments in the period June-November 2021 went up 11.3% (100,442) compared with the same period in 2019. Face to face appointments are available if clinically appropriate.

There are challenges with staff burnout, sickness and vacancies, and at times staff feeling unsupported. Locally GP numbers are deteriorating. Investment is being made in buildings, and good training practices – it is hoped more GPs will be attracted to work in the county particularly in some more deprived areas. Councils can help recruitment by promoting Gloucestershire as a great place to live and work.

### **One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System Update**

Here in Gloucestershire the Integrated Care System (ICS) came into being in 2018 and is known as the One Gloucestershire Partnership. The Health and Care Bill at present going through parliament will formalise arrangements and enable the ICS partners to work even more closely together to plan, provide and improve/join up support and care and will collaborate further on improving health and promoting prevention and earlier intervention. An Integrated Care Board will be formed and the county council will be a part of this. 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022 is the target date.

To support the development of priorities they are asking people three questions including “What are the top three things they think we could do to improve health and wellbeing in our county?” Get Involved in Gloucestershire is an online space where anyone can share their views, experiences and ideas to help inform and influence the decisions local health and care organisations make. The website is <https://getinvolved.glos.nhs.uk/>

### **Temporary Service Change – Hyper Acute Stroke Services Unit to move to Cheltenham**

When paramedics see stroke symptoms they will be able to access specialist advice on the phone and if agreed the patient will be admitted to the Unit in Cheltenham 24/7.

**There were two information items: (see information pack, recording and minutes for information)**

#### **NHS Glos. Clinical Commissioning Group Performance Report (GCCG)**

I asked a question regarding a television report about the Eating Disorder Services in the county. I was told that this service is facing the second highest demand in the country and measures are in place to deal with challenges. Please see the web recording (about two hours into the meeting) for fuller information.

#### **One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System Report (ICS)**

(There will be a remote access briefing on Children’s Mental Health services on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2022.)