

TITLE	Berkshire West Primary Care Strategy
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Wokingham Health and Wellbeing Board on 11 th February 2016
WARD	None Specific
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

The Primary Care Strategy sets out our vision for sustainable, enhanced primary care services which will play a key role in delivering out-of-hospital care for patients as described in the CCG's Strategic Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note and endorse the Berkshire West Primary Care Strategy.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report follows previous Health and Wellbeing Board papers on the development of the Berkshire West Primary Care Strategy. Following further engagement with the public, the strategy has now been signed off by the Joint Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee on which the Health and Wellbeing Board is represented. The wider Health and Wellbeing Board are now asked to endorse the principles set out in the strategy, a copy of which is included with this paper.

The four Berkshire West CCGs have engaged with the public throughout the development of the Strategy. This has intensified in recent months with the distribution of a summary document for patients, a programme of public events and meetings and online engagement through the CCGs' websites. A full engagement report is available on our websites alongside the strategy itself. This sets out how patients' views have influenced the development of the strategy. It is intended that this initial engagement now develops into an ongoing dialogue with the public regarding specific projects and initiatives as we move towards implementation. Should specific changes to individual practices be proposed the CCGs will also ensure that practices fulfil their responsibility to consult with their registered patients.

The CCG would also like to highlight that we have applied to move to a fully-delegated co-commissioning arrangement with effect from 1st April 2016. We believe that this will have a positive impact on the development of local primary care services, putting us in a stronger position to implement the vision described in the strategy.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent

reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
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N/A

Cross-Council Implications

N/A

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2

N/A

List of Background Papers

N/A
