

## SCRUTINY REVIEW OF ACCESS TO GPs AND PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE

### Summary

The third evidence-gathering session for the Committee's review of Access to GPs and Primary Medical Care will focus on a submission from Hartlepool & Stockton Health.

### Detail

1. The Hartlepool & Stockton Health GP federation is a group of local general practices working together to lead happy, strong and sustainable out-of-hospital care. Its goal is to improve the health and wellbeing of local people and its healthcare teams. Further information can be found at <https://www.hartlepoolandstocktonhealth.co.uk/>.
2. During the initial scoping element of this review, Hartlepool & Stockton Health was identified as a key contributor and has subsequently been asked to respond to the following:
  - Brief background of H&SHs role with general practice in Stockton-on-Tees, including if all practices within the Borough are members of the Federation.
  - What is H&SHs remit with regards to decision-making on behalf of general practices?
  - Are H&SH able to deliver services on behalf of general practices and, if so, what do they deliver?
  - How H&SH engage with local practices, PCNs and the ICB regarding access to general practice.
  - Awareness of any access issues within Stockton-on-Tees (pressure points at different times of the week / day, impact of COVID, staffing, etc.).
  - How does H&SH respond to any concerns raised (e.g. local interventions with practices, role within training hub, primary care collaborative) and has this informed change?
  - Views / input on published recovery plans.
3. The Chief Executive Officer and the Head of Operations and Service Delivery of Hartlepool & Stockton Health are scheduled to be in attendance to address the above lines of enquiry. A presentation has been prepared in advance and is included within these meeting papers.
4. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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