
GENERAL PRACTICE FORWARD VIEW

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform the Committee of the publication of the General Practice Forward View, this sets out the year on year increase on investment in general practice, building up to an extra £2.4 billion a year investment by 2020/21, alongside a further £500 million focused on stabilising and transforming general practice.

Summary

2. The GP Forward View, published on 21 April 2016 is in line with the vision of NHS England's Five Year Forward View and highlights significant investment in general practice. The document highlights the need to drive change to provide services that are better for patients through increased investment and additional support for practices.

Recommendation

3. It is recommended that Members note the report and the General Practice Forward View.

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Background Papers

General Practice Forward View

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for crime and disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Wards Affected	All Wards
Groups Affected	All Groups
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected members contributing to the Health Darlington Theme Group.
Efficiency	There are no issues which this report needs to address

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

4. The General Practice Forward View document highlights the need to drive change to provide services that are better for patients through increased investment and additional support for practices in respect of :
- (a) **Workforce** – the plan details action to double the growth rate in GPs, through incentives for training, recruitment, retention and return to practice, with the aim to add;
- (i) 5,000 GPs in the next five years;
 - (ii) 3,000 new fully funded practice-based mental health therapists;
 - (iii) 1,500 co-funded practice clinical pharmacists; and
 - (iv) Nationally funded support for practice nurses, physician assistants, practice managers and receptionists.
- (b) **Workload** – the plan sets out a new practice resilience programme to support struggling practices, changes to streamline the Care Quality Commission inspection regime, support for GPs suffering from burnout and stress, cuts in red-tape, legal limits on administrative burdens at the hospital/GP interface,

and action to cut inappropriate demand on general practice.

- (c) **Infrastructure** – the plan proposes upgrades to practice premises, new proposals to allow up to 100 per cent reimbursement of premises developments, direct practice investment tech to support better online tools and appointment, consultation and workload management systems together with better record sharing to support team work across practices.
5. Care re-design – the plan signals practical support for individual practices and for federations and super-partnerships; direct funding for improved in hours and out of hours access, including clinical hubs and reformed urgent care; and a new voluntary GP contract supporting integrated primary and community health services.
 6. The General Practice Forward View is a substantial package of investment and transformation, of which the implementation will be overseen by an advisory oversight group with patients and partners (including the British Medical Association’s General Practitioners Committee and the RCGP).