

**Update from Scrutiny Chairman to Cabinet: 19 April 2016**

This report provides an update on the following scrutiny meetings:

Health Scrutiny Committee – 14 April 2016

Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 15 April 2016

**Health Scrutiny Committee – 14 April 2016**

1. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on 14 April 2016, when it considered evidence and made recommendations in respect of the following items:

**Agenda Item 5 – Current and future capacity in the residential and nursing care market in Suffolk**

2. The Committee was invited to consider and comment upon the role of the County Council's Adult and Community Services (ACS) in forecasting demand for residential and nursing care, and working with providers to ensure there is sufficient capacity in the market. The Committee also examined the arrangements in place for supporting providers who are at risk of business failure and the role of ACS and partners in working together to ensure support is available for residents and their families in the event a provider does fail.
3. The Committee heard evidence from officers of the County Council's Adult and Community Services, Clinical Commissioning Groups and representatives of residential and nursing home providers.
4. In light of the evidence received, the Committee agreed:
  - a. to endorse and actively encourage the joint working approach between Adult and Community Services, the Clinical Commissioning Groups and providers to create a sustainable range of providers and enable choice in the care market;
  - b. to give its full support to the proposal that health and social care sector skills should be made a priority area for the New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, and to request for the next meeting a report on the outcome of discussions to this end;
  - c. to support proposals for the development of a Nurse Associate role to provide care workers with a clear route for career progression and to request an update on this for a future meeting.
  - d. to recommend to Adult and Community Services that further, proactive, work should take place to ensure that all interested stakeholders have an opportunity to comment on the Draft Provider Business Failure Procedure document by mid-May 2016;
  - e. to request that a copy of the final Provider Business Failure Procedure be provided to the Committee at its next meeting in July 2016;
  - f. to request information bulletins for the next meeting setting out:

- i. how the additional 2% funding for adult social care is being used in 2016/17;
  - ii. data to demonstrate the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of re-ablement and the broader benefits this provides.
5. The minutes of the Health Scrutiny Committee are due to be approved at the Committee's next meeting on 20 July 2016.

### **Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee – 15 April 2016**

6. At the time of writing, the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to meet on 15 April 2016, and to consider the 'James Paget University Hospital (JPUH) Transformation Plan and CQC Inspection follow-up – a progress update and action plan'. A further update will be provided in next month's report to Cabinet.