

## **Health Scrutiny Committee**

**12 October 2016**

### **Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs' current financial position**

#### **Summary**

1. At its meeting on 20 July 2016, the Committee received a verbal update from the Chief Officer for Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs (IES&WS CCGs) on the current position of the CCGs' finances.
2. Members heard that although IES&WS CCGs were not in debt, they needed to achieve £13m efficiency savings in the current financial year to meet their budget targets.
3. The Committee agreed that it wished to receive further information from IES&WS CCGs about their progress towards achieving these savings.

#### **Objective of Scrutiny**

4. The objective of this scrutiny is to provide the Committee with further information about the way in which IES&WS CCGs are planning to achieve their budgets savings this financial year.

#### **Scrutiny Focus**

5. The scope of this scrutiny has been developed to provide the Committee with information to come to a view on the following key questions:
  - a) What progress has been made in identifying the £13m in-year savings that Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs need to achieve to remain on budget?
  - b) What are the outcomes of the engagement exercise on IVF and the Marginalised Vulnerable Adults service?
  - c) What other consultations are envisaged, and what are the potential timescales for these?
6. Having considered the information, the Committee may wish to:
  - a) Comment on the information provided;

- b) make recommendations to Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk CCGs ;

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## Background

7. Despite considerable social change and advances in medicine, the NHS has changed little since it was formed in 1948. The male life expectancy was 67 in 1948 and is now 87, and an increasing number of people are living with long term health conditions.
8. The resulting increase in demand is placing further pressure on already over-stretched NHS finances and there is not enough money for services to continue to be delivered in the traditional way. Although IES&WS CCGs are not in debt, they need to find savings totalling of £13m in this financial year in order to balance the books.
9. At its meeting on 20 July 2016, the Committee received a verbal update from the Chief Officer for IES&WS CCGs on the current position of the CCGs' finances.
10. The Committee was informed that IES&WS CCGs had just launched a public consultation to promote the requirement for them to save £13m and to discuss proposals for reduced cycles of fertility treatment and a more focussed service for marginalised and vulnerable adults. The consultation closed on 9 September 2016.
11. The Committee requested for this meeting an update on the feedback that had been received in response to the consultation and also information on the progress that has been made towards achieving the required in-year savings.

## Main body of evidence

12. Evidence Set 1 has been provided by IES&WS CCGs.

## Supporting information

Ipswich and Est Suffolk CCG website:

<http://www.ipswichandeastsuffolkccg.nhs.uk/Home.aspx>

West Suffolk CCG website: <http://www.westsuffolkccg.nhs.uk/>

## Glossary

**IES&WS CCGs** Ipswich and East Suffolk and West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Groups