

**LEICESTER CITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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| Subject: | The Challenges facing Primary Care in Leicester City |
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

National and local policies identify the potential for efficiency savings and improved quality delivered by expanded out-of-hospital services. Primary medical care services must have sufficient capacity and capability to take up such a role.

This paper identifies the major challenges facing primary care, from both a patient and a practice perspective and gives a summary of the planned solutions to address those challenges.

Tackling GP recruitment is the highest short-term priority and a resolution using non-recurrent funding is proposed. This is a GP recruitment incentive scheme. The criteria and details of the process are currently being worked up but it is proposed that the Health and Wellbeing Board plays a role in approving applications from practices.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:

1. Consider the analysis of the challenges facing primary medical care in the City
2. Agree the short-term priority is GP recruitment
3. Approve the principle of the proposed GP recruitment scheme, including approval of payments via the Health and Wellbeing Board.