Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission

HealthWatch Annual Report

Lead Member: Cllr Sarah Russell Lead Strategic Director: Martin Samuels

Useful information

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1. Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to present the annual report for 2020/2021 produced by HealthWatch Leicester and Leicestershire (HWLL) to the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission.
- **1.2** The report will be presented by Harsha Kotecha, Chair of HealthWatch Leicester & Leicestershire, and Mukesh Barot, Chief Officer.

2. Recommendations

The Commission is recommended to note the content of the annual report and to provide comment/feedback.

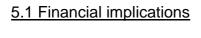
3. Supporting information including options considered:

- 3.1 The current Healthwatch service is provided by Engaging Communities Staffordshire and is a joint contract between Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council.
- 3.2 The Health & Social Care Act requires all local Healthwatch organisations to produce an annual report. The annual report covers the 2020/21 financial year and is attached as appendix 1.
- 3.3 The report follows a standard format dictated by HealthWatch England, and includes highlights from the year, a then and now review of their work on child & adolescent mental health (CAMHS) and discharge from hospital. their impact and operational issues such as finance and volunteer information.
- 3.4 The annual report reflects the priorities set at the beginning of 2020/21 which have been significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. HealthWatch LL have examined the use of health & social care services during Covid-19, and the impact on marginalised communities as part of their BME Connect programme.
- 3.5 The report also describes HealthWatch LL's priorities for 2021/2022 including Access to Dentists, Personal Health Budgets, and Social Isolation & Loneliness.

4. Details of Scrutiny

No other scrutiny conducted.

5. Financial, legal and other implications



No Financial implications.

Yogesh Patel - Accountant ext 4011

5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications as the report is for noting.

Emma Jackman, Head of Law (Commercial, Property & Planning) 454 1426

5.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

There are no direct climate change implications associated with this report.

Aidan Davis, Sustainability Officer, 454 2284

5.4 Equalities Implications

There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

Sukhi Biring, Equalities Officer, 454 4175

5.5 Other Implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

No other implications

6. Background information and other papers:

None

7. Summary of appendices:

Appendix 1 – HealthWatch LL Annual Report 20/21