

SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Health Scrutiny Panel

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PART I

FOR COMMENT & CONSIDERATION

FRIMLEY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG) POTENTIAL MERGER

1. Purpose of Report

NHS East Berkshire; North East Hampshire & Farnham and Surrey Heath Clinical Commissioning Groups are now considering the case for change to establish a single clinical commissioning group in the Frimley Health and Care ICS.

In 2019 three NHS England highly rated Clinical Commissioning Groups came together to form the Frimley Collaborative, representing people across North East Hampshire and Farnham, East Berkshire and Surrey Heath. The aim of this collaboration was to provide a seamless service for our local people, really understanding what they need in local places, and then working together to provide the infrastructure, support and connectivity into specialist and hospital services.

One of the key principles of doing this was to do things once where it makes sense to and reduce duplication. Our three CCG Governing Bodies created a shared decision-making body – The Frimley Collaborative Board – and agreed a formal way of working based around five ‘Places’:

- North East Hampshire and Farnham
- Bracknell Forest
- Slough
- Surrey Heath
- The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

We want to retain the very best of what we do right now and that includes the core values and principles in each place.

We want each place to retain its identity and see this being championed and developed further by clinical leaders and managing directors as they develop priorities for each place.

Our Places; through the Clinical Leader, Managing Director, and Place Non-Executive and in partnership with key local stakeholders in our Place Committee's will continue to make decisions on how best to utilise the resources available to them locally, and to work collectively to ensure broader system pathways are effective.

2. **Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

The Panel is requested to consider the report.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

The [Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy](#) (SJWS) is the document that details the priorities agreed for Slough with partner organisations. The SJWS has been developed using a comprehensive evidence base that includes the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Both are clearly linked and must be used in conjunction when preparing your report. They have been combined in the Slough Wellbeing Board report template to enable you to provide supporting information highlighting the link between the SJWS and JSNA priorities.

3a. **Slough Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

The CCG plans will reflect the health and care landscape around it, providing the vision and leadership for strategic commissioning across the system, whilst meeting the needs of our local populations at place.

We will not be changing anything in isolation – on the contrary we expect our staff, member practices, health and care partners, communities and neighbourhoods to continue to help shape our thinking as we design commissioning arrangements in the Frimley system.

Frimley Health and Care continues to be a leading Integrated Care System and we need to ensure that our way of working that promote and encourage innovation, professionalism and creativity continue to flourish.

This approach aligns to the Councils (2) integration and (3) strong, health & attractive neighbourhood priorities.

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

This aligns to the Council's Five Year Plan – specifically:

- Outcome 1: Slough children will grow up to be happy, healthy and successful
- Outcome 2: Our people will be healthier and manage their own care needs

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Risk Management**

The CCGs have identified risks as part of the merger plans. The main risk is if the CCGs do not merge then this could have an impact on the integration of health and care within the Frimley Health and Care ICS.

(b) **Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications**

There are no Human Rights Act Implications.

(c) Equalities Impact Assessment

The proposed merger will have a detailed equalities impact assessment which will be available when the application is made to NHSE/I on 30 September 2020.

5. **Supporting Information**

None

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

The Collaborative Board will be considering in detail the case for change on 8 September 2020 with a formal decision on 29 September prior to an application to NHSE/I (deadline 30 September 2020).

7. **Conclusion**

The Panel is asked to note the intention of NHS East Berkshire, North East Hampshire & Farnham; and Surrey Heath CCGs to merger on 1 April 2021.

8. **Appendix Attached**

'A' - Creating the New Health and Care Landscape presentation

9. **Background Papers**

None