

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion 2 in the name of Councillor Muldoon to be seconded by Councillor Best	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Acting Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
Class	Part 1	Date: July 24 2019

NHS Long Term Plan

Lewisham Council notes the intentions to reform local commissioning of NHS services within the NHS Long Term Plan.

Lewisham Council notes that in 2012 NHS England stated there would be no more reorganisation. The NHS Long Term Plan was published in January 2019. One of many suggested changes was that each STP should become an Integrated Care System. To help achieve this, NHS England proposes that there be one CCG for each STP area. The reason is to give the STP/ICS legal footing. The CCGs are set up in law by the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The STP/ICS are a later introduction, and currently only have legitimacy insofar as it is shared by their constituent CCGs and local NHS Providers.

Lewisham Council notes that the changes would mean moving from the current 191 CCGs to just 44, one per STP "footprint". NHS England has separate powers which allow it to vary a CCG's area or membership without an application from the CCG. The Plan suggests that this should be achieved by April 2021, but in SE London the intention is to achieve it by April 2020.

Lewisham Council notes that the introduction of CCGs introduced more clinical involvement in commissioning, and significantly more GP involvement, and retained good local input and accountability.

Lewisham Council notes with concern the proposal to merge the current six South East London CCGs into a single body, who along with local NHS and Local Authority partners will be known as an Integrated Care System.

Lewisham Council notes with concern that by merging NHS commissioning to South East London level there is a risk of losing clinical input and local involvement resulting in democratic deficit.

Lewisham Council notes that currently there are statutory duties on CCGs and some of their committees to meet in public, and trusts these will be retained under any reforms

Lewisham Council notes with concern that there is a lack of clarity as to where power and decision making would lie.

Lewisham Council calls upon the Mayor to provide the Council's formal response to the consultation, highlighting the foregoing points of concern.