

COUNCIL			
Report title	Comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Local NHS GP Services		
Contributors	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Item No.	
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1. Summary

- 1.1 This report informs Council of the comments and views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, arising from discussions held on Local NHS GP Services at its meeting on 31 October 2017.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Council is recommended to note the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in section three of this referral.

3. Overview and Scrutiny Committee views

- 3.1 On 31 October 2017, the full Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report entitled Local NHS GP Services which included, as an appendix, a report due to be considered by the Healthier Communities Select Committee on 1 November 2017 on the future of the Walk In Centre in New Cross.
- 3.2 Following discussion on the item, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee made the following comments to the Healthier Communities Select Committee in relation to the proposed closure of the Walk In Centre at New Cross:
1. We have heard a number of concerns about the proposed closure.
 2. We appreciate that the NHS Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is likely to need more time to consider the responses received during the conclusion and we welcome that.
 3. We would welcome the final response from the CCG on this matter being provided to all councillors as the walk-in centre is a borough-wide service.
 4. We would welcome further details on GP recruitment and nurse retention bearing in mind Lewisham's population increase and Our Healthier South East London (OHSEL) / the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) primary care requirements.
 5. Current A&E performance figures for local trusts (Lewisham, King's and Guys and St Thomas') were tabled at our meeting and we question how this proposal will help improve performance.
- 3.3 NHS Lewisham Clinical Commissioning Group has since agreed to ask its governing body to defer its decision on the future of the New Cross Walk In Centre until 11 January 2018 and extend the current Walk In Centre contract until 31 March

2018, so it can fully review the consultation responses and consider the suitability and effectiveness of the alternative provision in place.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising out of this report per se.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Constitution provides for Select Committees to make recommendations to the Executive or appropriate committee and/or Council arising from the outcome of the scrutiny process.

6. Further Implications

6.1 At this stage there are no specific environmental, equalities or crime and disorder implications to consider.

Background papers

[Local NHS GP Services](#) – report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 31.10.17

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