

Thursday 14th November 2013	ITEM: 5
Thurrock Health and Well-Being Board	
‘WHO WILL CARE’ - INDEPENDENT COMMISSION IN TO PREVENTING A FUTURE CRISIS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE IN ESSEX: THURROCK RESPONSE	
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This report is: Public	
Purpose of Report: To provide Thurrock Health and Wellbeing Board’s response to ‘Who Will Care’, the report developed by the independent commission in to preventing a future crisis in health and social care in Essex.	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The report of the independent commission in to how a future crisis in health and social care in Essex can be prevented, was published in September 2013. The Commission was funded by Essex County Council and led by Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallett, Chair of the Institute of Global Health Innovation, Imperial College London and previous Chief Executive of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

The report proposes five ‘high-impact’ solutions to prevent a future crisis in health and social care in Essex. In this instance, ‘Essex’ also includes Thurrock and Southend.

This report sets out Thurrock’s response to the proposed solutions and initiatives – including what is already in place.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Board endorse the Thurrock response to the ‘Who Will Care’ report.**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1** In January 2013, Essex County Council asked Sir Thomas Hughes-Hallett to establish an independent commission. The Commission’s remit was to identify solutions to ‘prevent a future crisis in health and social care in Essex’. The involvement of Thurrock and Southend was entirely voluntary – with neither area obliged to take forward the recommendations the Commission were to make.

2.2 The Commission consulted with a raft of stakeholders – including residents, service users, and patients – before identifying its solutions and recommendations. The solutions and recommendations were contained in a report which was launched in September (appendix 1).

2.3 The report identified five ‘high-impact’ solutions, with a number of recommended initiatives underpinning each solution:

Solution 1 – Agree a new understanding between the public sector and the people of Essex;

Solution 2 – Prevent unnecessary crises in care;

Solution 3 – Mobilise community resources;

Solution 4 – Use data and technology to the advantage of the people of Essex; and

Solution 5 – Ensure clear leadership, vision and accountability.

2.4 The Commission’s solutions and recommended initiatives have provided us with the opportunity to examine locally how we can sustain a health and social care economy in to the future. It has also provided us with the opportunity to take stock of what we have already achieved and what initiatives are already in place. Our response details this. ‘Preventing a crisis in health and social care’ requires a complex and multi-layered approach, with some solutions needing to be provided locally but others requiring a joined up approach on a far broader scale. Part of the task ahead will be to identify what approach works best at what level.

2.5 As identified within our response, the recently announced Health and Social Care Integration Transformation Fund (ITF) will help act as a catalyst to finding and implementing some of the solutions that are required. Plans need to be in place and signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board by April 2014.

2.6 The role that the Health and Wellbeing Board itself is pivotal to sustaining the health and social care economy. The Board will be expected to provide the robust leadership and clear vision needed to deliver the complex change and vast cultural shift required.

2.7 The Board are asked to endorse the Thurrock response to the ‘who will care’ report.

3. ISSUES, OPTIONS AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS:

3.1 The report details Thurrock’s response to the solutions and recommended initiatives proposed by the Commission.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

4.1 Although voluntary, Thurrock was able to input in to the work of the Commission and the related report details solutions and recommended initiatives for the entire geographical area of Essex – i.e. including Southend

and Thurrock. It is appropriate therefore, that Thurrock issue a response to the report.

5. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

5.1 Health and Wellbeing Board Executive Committee and Health and Wellbeing Board to input in to the final response.

6. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

6.1 The way that partners on the Health and Wellbeing Board respond to the question of ‘how to prevent a crisis in health and social care’ is critical to the delivery of the priority ‘improve health and wellbeing’.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Financial

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None identified – any initiatives will be delivered within existing budgets. The new Health and Social Care Integration Transformation Fund will help support some of the work identified locally.

7.2 Legal

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None identified.

7.3 Diversity and Equality

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There are no diversity implications noted in this report.

7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- None.

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- Appendix 1 – ‘Who Will Care?’ – Five high-impact solutions to prevent a future crisis in health and social care in Essex.
- Appendix 2 – ‘Who Will Care?’ – Thurrock response

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