

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: 11

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SUBJECT: NHS DEVELOPMENTS AND SAVINGS REVIEW GROUP – FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

PURPOSE:

1. To present the NHS Developments and Savings Review Group's final report and recommendations, attached at Appendix A, for consideration and approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board consider and approve the recommendations of the NHS Developments and Savings Review Group.

REPORT:

3. The NHS is facing severe funding constraint, needing to make efficiency savings of up to 20% over the next five years, whilst meeting ever increasing demand. As a result, NHS Luton set out to achieve £7.9 million of efficiency savings to balance its 2010/11 budget. This is planned to be done through its Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) Programme, which primarily aims at improving patient safety and clinical effectiveness, as well as producing efficiency savings.

4. This matter came to the attention of the Overview and Scrutiny Board in June 2010. The Board set up an informal group to undertake a preliminary review and advise on whether the matter should be formally scrutinised.

5. On 2 September 2010, the group reported back to the Board, highlighting a lack of clarity in some areas, as set out in paragraph 3 of Appendix A, giving cause for concern.

6. In response to this, the Board established the NHS Developments and Savings Review Group. The Group's objective was to review and monitor NHS Luton's implementation of its savings plans, relative to the impact on health service provisions in Luton, and make recommendations to address any areas of concerns. An additional task to prepare a response on the consultation on 'local democratic legitimacy in health' was completed separately.

7. The Group's final report, including a number of recommendations/ advice, is attached at Appendix A.