

**Report to:**

**ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE**

**Relevant Officer:**

Mrs Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager

**Date of Meeting:**

24 January 2019

## **WHOLE SYSTEM TRANSFERS OF CARE SCRUTINY REVIEW FINAL REPORT**

### **1.0 Purpose of the report:**

1.1 To approve the final report of the Whole System Transfers of Care Scrutiny Review and submit it to the Executive and relevant NHS organisations for consideration.

### **2.0 Recommendation(s):**

2.1 To approve the final report.

### **3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):**

3.1 To allow the report to progress through the procedure agreed for scrutiny reviews.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

### **4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:**

4.1 None.

### **5.0 Council priority:**

5.1 The relevant Council priority is:

- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

### **6.0 Background information**

6.1 At the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee on 11 July 2018, Members agreed to establish two scrutiny reviews on delayed transfers of care and bed shortages and accident and emergency waiting times and ambulance handovers.

6.2 Following the scoping of the reviews and further discussions with relevant officers, it was determined that one review considering the whole system would be more appropriate. There is a strong correlation between each delay and each stage of a care pathway from an ambulance handover through to delays at accident and emergency, transfers between hospital wards and through to discharge from hospital either to home or to care in the community.

6.3 The impact of Winter Planning was also considered to be an issue of key importance and the correlation between winter pressures and delays in the system year round. It was therefore agreed with the Chairman that Winter Planning would also form a key consideration of the review.

6.4 A large amount of preparatory work was undertaken to identify the following key areas for consideration in the review:

- Winter Plan
- Demonstration of patient flow
- Key data demonstrating bed shortages and delays
- Plans already put in place and the impact of those plans

6.5 The review was carried out in an in a day approach and one meeting was held to consider Whole System Transfers of Care. The list of attendees in attendance is included within the final report, at Section 3.0 Methodology.

6.6 The recommendations of the review are contained within the report, Members are requested to approve the report and its recommendations for forwarding to the Executive and relevant NHS organisations.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information? Yes

**7.0 List of Appendices:**

7.1 Appendix 4(a): Whole System Transfers of Care Scrutiny Review Final Report

**8.0 Legal considerations:**

8.1 As set out within the final report.

**9.0 Human resources considerations:**

9.1 None.

**10.0 Equalities considerations:**

10.1 The recommendations of the report are designed to ensure easier access for all residents.

**11.0 Financial considerations:**

11.1 As set out within the final report.

**12.0 Risk management considerations:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Ethical considerations:**

13.1 None.

**14.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

14.1 As detailed within the final report.

**15.0 Background papers:**

15.1 None.