



Coventry City Council

## Briefing note

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**To: Health and Social Care Scrutiny Board (5)**

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013.**

**Subject: Primary Care Development in Coventry**

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### **1 Purpose of the Note**

- 1.1 The Arden Herefordshire and Worcestershire Local Area Team of NHS England has been invited to the meeting to discuss recent development in primary care services in Coventry.

### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Board are recommended to note this Briefing Note.

### **3 Information/Background**

- 3.1 Following the Board's consideration in July of proposals to amalgamate two GP premises in the City, the Board requested a further update from NHS England at an appropriate time.
- 3.2 The Director of Commissioning and Primary Care Contracts Manager for the team have been invited to attend the meeting to provide Members with a briefing on their developing work and any specific developments regarding a number of proposals in various stages of development for new practice buildings and further amalgamations.
- 3.3 NHS England has also been asked to provide further information on continuing work to improve quality in primary care in the City, this being a factor in one of the practices discussed above.
- 3.4 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave the Scrutiny Board new powers to scrutinise any provider of NHS services, either private or public sector. Whilst detailed guidance on this new power to scrutinise primary care providers (including GPs) is awaited this session will provide a useful opportunity for the Board to consider how it might wish to use this power in the future.
- 3.5 A written briefing from NHS England is expected, however this has not been received in time to be circulated with the agenda.

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