

**FORMAL RESPONSE TO MAKING URGENT CARE WORK BETTER IN
SUNDERLAND**

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBERS SUPPORT & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides the final formal response of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee to Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group's Making Urgent Care Work Better in Sunderland consultation.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group must follow national guidance as prescribed by NHS England, and they have stated that urgent and emergency care must be reviewed. This is to meet national requirements around an urgent treatment centre, an improved NHS 111 service and GP appointments on evenings and weekends.
- 2.2 The proposals were put to public consultation on Wednesday 9 May 2018 with a closing date of Sunday 2 September 2018.
- 2.3 The formal response of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee includes, in full, the views of the committee, with the specific reasons for those views.

3. THE FORMAL RESPONSE

- 3.1 The response provides the Committee's comments on a wide range of issues related to the urgent care consultation including capacity, extended access service and the location of the urgent treatment centre. The full response is attached at **appendix 1** of this report.
- 3.2 One of the key issues throughout the consultation was around transport and travel and the concerns related to additional travelling as a result of the consultation proposals. The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee have outlined a number of issues relating to transport and travel within their formal response as a result of this.
- 3.5 The response, once agreed by this Committee, will be submitted to Sunderland CCG. The final decision on the options for urgent care will be made at a meeting of Sunderland CCG's governing body, held in public, in January 2019.

4. RECOMMENDATION

4.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee:

- (a) comments on the content of the formal response; and
- (b) agrees this as the formal response of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, subject to any additional amendments, to the Making Urgent Care Work Better in Sunderland consultation.

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