



HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY BOARD

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Subject:	Update on Treatment Policies Evidence Based Policy Harmonisation Programme
Contribution towards Vision 2030:	 
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1 PURPOSE OF THE ITEM

- 1.1 The Board will receive a presentation detailing an update on Sandwell and West Birmingham and Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Groups' collaboration to develop a second phase (Phase 2) of Harmonised Treatment Policies following Phase 1 which was developed and introduced in November 2017, and feedback on the consultation process.
- 1.2 The aim of developing and reviewing treatment policies is to:-
- ensure policies incorporate the most up-to-date published clinical evidence so that priority is given to funded treatments that are proven to have clinical benefit for patients;
 - stop variation in access to NHS funded services across Birmingham, Solihull and the Black Country (sometimes called the 'postcode lottery' in the media) and allow fair and equitable treatment for all local patients;
 - ensure access to NHS funded treatment is equal and fair, whilst considering the needs of the overall population and evidence of clinical and cost effectiveness.
- 1.3 At the first presentation for Sandwell Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board in March 2018 the Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG gave an overview of the purpose of the project, milestones and deadlines and informed the Board of the consultation process.

2 **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board considers and comments upon the presentation.

3 **IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION**

The matter detailed in the report and presentation supports:-

Ambition 2 – Sandwell is a place where we live healthy lives and live them for longer, and where those of us who are vulnerable feel respected and cared for.

Ambition 10 – Sandwell has a national reputation for getting things done, where all local partners are focussed on what really matters in people's lives and communities.