

Health and Care Scrutiny Committee

Scrutiny Observations to Cabinet – North Powys Project – Model of Care

The Health and Care Scrutiny Committee met on 24 February 2020 and considered the Model of Care for the North Powys Project.

The Committee support the project but make the following observations:

- The medicalisation of the Model was a cause for concern. A high-level strategic document should not refer to people as ‘patients’ – the emphasis must be on wellbeing for all and not allow the project to be perceived as merely provision of new medical facilities in Newtown.
- Further engagement is needed to ensure that all residents of North Powys are aware that the project is to support the whole area and not just Newtown
- Greater emphasis needs to be given to other partners so that the project is not perceived as a joint project between the Authority and PTHB
- The Committee acknowledge the risk of recruiting a workforce to the project. Austerity remains an issue with some services being reliant on voluntary support and goodwill and the Project will need to be appropriately staffed to ensure its success.

The Committee make the following recommendations:

- **The Health and Care Scrutiny Committee retain concerns regarding the medicalised model and primacy given to medical services included. The Committee would like to see a more positive attitude to in-reach communities in the region. The Scrutiny Committee approves the model of care for more detailed design to focus on prevention, education and future support across Powys.**
- **The reason for this recommendation is to allow further discussion to take place between principal partners and encourage a change in culture in order to deliver the project**

Members of the Health Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee present on 24 February 2020: County Councillors G Williams (Chair), J Charlton, D Davies, S Hayes, G Morgan, K Roberts-Jones, D Rowlands, L Rijenberg, A Williams and J M Williams