

Report to the Somerset Primary Care Commissioning Committee Meeting on 9 June 2021

Title: Primary Care Strategy and Vision	Enclosure E, Ei
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Summary and Purpose of Paper

To provide the Somerset Primary Care Commissioning Committee with an update on the development of a primary care strategy for Somerset, with work now resuming after the pandemic response.

Recommendations and next steps

The Somerset Primary Care Commissioning Committee is asked to **approve** the proposals set out in the paper.

Impact Assessments – key issues identified

Equality	No impact identified			
Quality	No impact identified			
Privacy	No impact identified			
Engagement	No impact identified			
Financial / Resource	No impact identified			
Governance or Legal	No governance or legal risks			
Risk Description	Not applicable			
Risk Rating	Consequence	Likelihood	RAG Rating	GBAF Ref

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1 Introduction

1.1 The previous primary care strategy, 'A Primary Care Plan for Somerset' covered the period 2016-2019. Work was in hand on a new strategy to cover the period 2020- 2024 when the Covid pandemic began. Strategy work was temporarily halted while efforts were focused on the pandemic response.

1.2 The Committee is now requested to consider how we ensure that there is a clear and agreed strategy in place to guide our commissioning of primary care services.

2 Current Draft

2.1 The Committee had, before the pandemic, overseen the development of a primary care strategy document which had reached the stage of an advanced draft. The advanced draft of the strategy is attached to this paper. This document is attached to the paper.

3 Learning from our pandemic response

3.1 It is important that the final strategy is informed by our experiences during the pandemic.

3.2 The key areas of the strategy that will need review in light of the pandemic are:

- Digital access to primary care
- Workforce- both positive and negative impacts
- Patient engagement
- Health inequalities
- Infection prevention and control
- Implications for the primary care estate

The other significant development since the draft strategy was last discussed by the Committee is the proposed abolition of CCGs and the development of Integrated Care Systems (ICSs). It is expected that from April 2022 the ICS in Somerset will be responsible for commissioning primary care services.

4 Proposed approach

4.1 We therefore propose that:

- A) The existing draft is reviewed and re-drafted in light of our learning from the pandemic for review by the Committee at its next meeting.
- B) That the ICS Executive is asked to approve a system-wide strategy for primary care.
- C) The final draft returns to this Committee for approval at a future meeting.