

Chairman's Announcements

Letter from the Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Health

The Home Secretary and Secretary of State for Health have written to Health and Wellbeing Board Chairs and Police and Crime Commissioners urging close collaboration on Health and Justice matters. A copy of the letter and our response is attached.

Letter from David Mowat MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Community Health and Care

The critical role of primary care in ensuring that the Sustainability and Transformation Plan can be successfully delivered has been highlighted in a letter from David Mowat MP (attached). The Health and Wellbeing Board has had regular updates on primary care and held an informal session on this subject in September. This covered transforming care for older people, locality plans and the primary care offer. Discussion touched upon the options for future local commissioning arrangements and the potential for action to help with recruitment and retention, and the importance of preventative activities.

In light of this an additional item has been included on this agenda for an update on primary care. The presentation will outline the future opportunities for primary care in Wiltshire, in light of NHS Planning Guidance, and the potential for close working to deliver these, including preventative and proactive working. The presentation covers the GP Forward View and an update from public meetings on the primary care model.

Letter from the Department of Communities and Local Government and Department of Health regarding Winter Planning

Health and Wellbeing Board chairs have been written to regarding planning for winter and outlining a range of practical actions that can be taken (letter attached). Many of these are already underway – the last meeting received an update on the joint Winter Communications Plan – and a brief officer update will be provided at the meeting on the other actions underway.