

October O&S meeting – Questions for Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System (NHS)

Wyre Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee have requested for an update on the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System action plan to tackle the following key issues/questions identified by the committee that directly affect Wyre:

1. Please can the committee have an update on the current stage of the transition to the Integrated Care System (ICS) model from the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) model?
2. Have there been any issues found due to the transition from the CCG model, if so, what is being done to solve these issues?
3. What voice/influence do Wyre Council have in regard to the Integrated Care System i.e. attending meetings, participation in consultations, Wyre Borough Council Elected Member representation etc.?
4. It is estimated that by 2043, Wyre's largest single age year making up its population will be 74 year olds. The most dominant age group (sorted in to 5 year groupings) in 2043 will be the 70 - 74 year olds (10,262) followed closely by the 75-79, and 65-69 year olds (10,150 and 8,153 respectively). In light of this, does the ICS have plans in place concerning Wyres ageing population and the impact that may have on the local health service?
5. Please could you provide an update on ambulance waiting times and the impact of hoax 999 calls on the ambulance service resources?
6. What are the current issues faced when recruiting health service staff, including ambulance staff, to the Fylde Coast?
7. What policies/actions is the ICS undertaking to reduce hospital emissions and what actions is the ICS undertaking to improve the ability for hospitals to discharge patient's safely back into the community?
8. What actions is the ICS undertaking to reduce the burden on the ambulance service?
9. How is the ICS improving its partnership with NHS dental care and what is being done to tackle the challenge of accessing NHS dentistry in Wyre?
10. Does the ICS know the status of the investment plan for the Emergency Department at Blackpool hospital and how this work will improve the service?
11. Please can we have an update on the status of the telephony issues in GP practices across Wyre?
12. Please can we have an update on the position of the Lancashire and South Cumbria New Hospitals Programme?
13. There have been concerns raised about the amount of time frontline police officers are spending in emergency departments, what would be the potential issues if frontline police officers refused to spend more than 30 minutes handing over a patient?