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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides detail on how NHS England (NHSE) perform their responsibilities for primary care commissioning and when decisions are made that relate to primary care, how the impact on the local health and care system is taken into account.

2. Key Matters for the Board's Consideration

- 2.1 The Westminster Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the information provided by NHS England in the attached report about the commissioning and quality assurance of primary care services and consider:
- a.) how the Health and Wellbeing Board should seek to support and influence primary care commissioning to ensure it reflects local need, when exercising their role in providing local system leadership;
 - b.) whether the Health and Wellbeing Board should work with NHSE and West London CCG (WLCCG) to monitor and improve the quality of primary care; and
 - c.) how to maximise the opportunities that might be available through the introduction of co-commissioning of primary care services between NHSE, West London Clinical Commissioning Group and Central London Clinical Commissioning Groups.

3. Background

- 3.1 Primary care services are many people's first point of contact with the NHS. The main source of primary health care is general practice, but primary care also includes dental practice, community pharmacy and high street optometrists.
- 3.2 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 made a number of changes to the way that primary care is commissioned. Since April 2013, NHSE has been solely responsible for the commissioning of primary care services. Clinical Commissioning Groups have a responsibility to help improve the quality of primary care services.
- 3.3 Health and Wellbeing Boards, as local system leaders, should develop strong relationships with NHSE to help ensure that primary care services within their area align with the needs of residents and local system change.
- 3.4 The attached report from NHS England sets out more information about how primary care commissioning is undertaken by NHS England and what future changes might look like. It also set out how NHS England engages with the local health and care system and what work will be underway in 2014/15.
- 3.5 The Health and Social Care Information Centre suggests that around 90% of patient interaction is with primary care services. As such, access to good quality, primary care is absolutely central to improving the health outcomes for our local population and to the deliverability of our key local system change programmes such as Shaping a Healthier Future, whole systems integration and the Better Care Fund Plan.
- 3.6 The attached report at Appendices 2 and 3 provide information on the current quality of primary care services in Westminster.

If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers please contact:

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APPENDICES:

1. A Slide Presentation from NHS England: London Primary Care Commissioning
2. A report from Tri-borough Adult Social Care Business Intelligence on acute and GP services within the City of Westminster
3. A slide presentation from Primary Care Commissioning.