

Outstanding questions from HealthWatch North Somerset– Georgie Bigg from the STP scrutiny meeting in common – 1st December

<p>An explanation on the sentence “acknowledge evidence around supply has on a service – bold collaborative decisions unwarranted demand”</p>	<p>Both locally and nationally, demand for services is increasing at a time of ongoing resource constraint. We need to work together and think differently about the way services are provided in order to continue to meet local health needs.</p> <p>The reference on p6 is an acknowledgement that there is evidence that the way in which services are organised can lead to increased demand for a particular service. An example of this evidence can be seen this 2014 report from the Nuffield Institute (see link below)</p> <p>http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/sites/files/nuffield/publication/140630_meeting_need_or_fuelling_demand.pdf</p> <p>At this stage in the development of the local STP we are identifying this as one of a number of themes for further consideration; however there are currently no specific proposals.</p> <p>As with all aspects of the STP there will be opportunities for public engagement to inform the development of any specific proposals, and if proposals emerge for significant changes to a particular service there will be formal public consultation.</p>
<p>2% funding applied for prevention and self-care-commend but what if this if not available?</p>	<p>This represents an estimate of the extent of funding required to enable the delivery of prevention, early intervention and self-care at the scale required to impact on the demand for services. It is accepted that investing in prevention is key to reducing the demand on services in the longer term however any increase in spending in one aspect of local services will need to be achieved through a redirection of funding from other aspects but the STP gives us the opportunity to review spending cross the system and across patient pathways.</p>
<p>What investigation has been done to see what resource and capacity is available in the voluntary sector?</p>	<p>Events were held in December to begin a discussion with local voluntary sector organisations about how they can be involved in the further development of the STP and any specific projects or programmes that arise from this and this is expected to lead to further engagement with local voluntary sector organisations both individually and collectively in the weeks and months ahead.</p>

<p>Enabling population to adopt healthy behaviours – what will happen if they don't?</p>	<p>Supporting people to adopt health behaviours is already part of local and national health policy. One of the roles of public health is to ensure services and interventions to support behaviour change are evidence-based and therefore more likely to succeed' In the context of the STP this is one part of a wider set of plans that we expect to develop. All else being equal, if progress is not made the expectation is that the impact of unhealthy lifestyles on people's health this will continue to contribute to increasing demand for health services making it more difficult in relative terms to achieve the progress required towards a sustainable position.</p>
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