Update from Barking and Dagenham CCG on Eye Care pathway review

Report of the Barking & Dagenham Clinical Commissioning Group

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In 2014/15 the Health and Adult Services Select Committee (HASSC) conducted an in-depth review of local eye care services and the final report was delivered in October 2015. The reason for commission the review was a concern that the people may be experiencing difficulties in obtaining care and therefore missing treatment that could otherwise prevent serious sight loss.

The key findings of the review was that:

- The current arrangements [for eye care] seemed complex and difficult for patients to understand;
- It was not clear that everyone who should have a sight test was getting one; and
- It was not clear to that the pathway fully promoted choice and control by service users.

As a consequence the first recommendation was that the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) oversees a review of the eye care pathway.

The report also noted recommendations to specific elements of the eye care pathway. Those recommendations that relate to areas the CCG commissions are:

- Recommendation 2; direct referral by optometrists to hospital clinics.
- Recommendation 3; to commission an Eye Care Liaison officer.
- Recommendation 4; cost-effective improvements to local low vision services.

This report is to update the HASSC on activity undertaken by the CCG in supporting those recommendations that directly relate to CCG commissioned services.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to note this update report and receive a further update to the HWB in July 2016.

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