

## HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3 September 2019

<b>Title:</b> New Primary Care Networks	
<b>Report of the Director of Public Health</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Information</b>
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<b>Summary</b> <p>From 1 July 2019, all patients in England have been covered by a primary care network (PCN) – the most significant reform to general practice in England in a generation. PCNs should help to integrate primary care with secondary and community services and bridge a gap between general practice and emerging Integrated Care Systems. Since January 2019, practices in the Borough have been organising themselves into six local networks to provide care at greater scale by sharing staff and some of their funding. The presentation at Appendix 1 provides information on what PCNs are, how they operate and the potential benefits and risks they bring.</p>	
<b>Recommendation(s)</b> <p>The Health Scrutiny Committee is recommended to note the information provided at Appendix 1 and ask questions of the Director of Public Health to obtain a better understanding of how PCNs operate in the Borough.</p>	
<b>Reason(s)</b> <p>This agenda item discusses recent changes in general practice which relates to the Council's priorities to enable greater independence whilst protecting the most vulnerable and strengthen our services for all.</p>	

### **Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:**

None.

### **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – New Primary Care Networks in Barking & Dagenham