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Title of meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board

Subject: GP Summit

Date of meeting: 21st September 2022

Report by: Jo York, Managing Director - Portsmouth, H10W ICB

Wards affected: All

1. **Requested by:** Gerald Vernon-Jackson, Leader of the Council

2. **Purpose**

2.1 To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the GP Summit event hosted by the Leader of the Council in August.

3. **Information Requested**

3.1 On 4th August 2022, the Leader of the Council hosted a summit event in the civic offices, attended by a number of colleagues including from the authority, ICB, primary care, Portsmouth Hospitals University Trust, the University and Healthwatch. The purpose of the meeting was to openly explore some of the challenges facing the GP workforce in the city in particular, and think about possible solutions that partners could work together around. Some colleagues were unable to attend, but sent written submissions in advance of the discussion.

3.2 The conversation was very positive, and it was clear from the discussion that the situation in Portsmouth is a result of many factors, a number of which are not in our local control and which have been emergent for some time.

3.3 However, it was clear that there are some things that as a local partnership, could be done to help ease the pressures in the local system, and that the strong Health and Care Portsmouth partnership arrangements that we are fortunate to have in the city will help us achieve some of these.

3.4 There are already a number of workstreams in place to look at how access is improved for patients to the primary care services they need, and the session identified that one of the things we can start doing locally is providing more messaging to residents about the different professionals that can support them with their needs, so that there is wider awareness that people don't always need to see their GP, but will still have their care needs met

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- 3.5 We noted that there are some difficulties with recruitment into the city and there were a range of ideas that emerged around how this could be tackled, including working with PHUT and also looking at how we can support GP trainees who come to Portsmouth and encourage them to continue their careers here.
- 3.6 The conversation also picked up the work that our University is doing to develop the medical school and support the wider professional workforce and there was great appetite to explore these possibilities, including around supervision which might free up valuable GP time. An invitation has been extended for the University to attend the Health and Wellbeing Board and highlight the developments and opportunity.
- 3.7 Finally, it was clear that we need to continue to advocate for the voice of primary care to be heard in the wider ICB, and to facilitate networks in the city to enable contributions to be made to their deliberations, and information to flow back out.
- 3.8 Work is underway to follow up on all of the issues above, and a further session will be scheduled to feedback progress and develop the conversation further.

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Signed by (Director)

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location