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Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 12 September 2019

Report Title: Referral to Secretary of State for Health and Social Care – Update and Next Steps

Senior Officer: Director of Governance and Compliance Services

1. Report Summary

- 1.1. To present the committee with the letter sent by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in response to the committee's referral of the closure of specialist orthodontic and oral surgery services in Cheshire East, sent on 8 May 2019.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To consider the letter of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, together with the update report provided by NHS England.
- 2.2. To determine whether the committee wishes to respond to the letter of the Secretary of State and if so, what it wishes to say.

3. Reason for Recommendations

- 3.1. To pursue the committee's referral to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.
- 3.2. This is not the recommended option as it would negate the work already undertaken, and progress made, by the committee on this matter to date.

4. Background

- 4.1. The issue that the committee sought to refer to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care was first reported to the committee on 7 February

2019, via briefing notes presented by the supporting Scrutiny Officer and Chairman.

- 4.2. After being presented with a fuller report by NHS England North (Cheshire and Merseyside) on 7 March 2019, the committee determined that the closure of specialist orthodontic and oral surgery services at Macclesfield District General Hospital substantiated a 'Level 3 Significant Development or Variation' in health service provision.
- 4.3. The committee's view was that the matter should be referred to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care under the rationale that:
 - (1) no consultation or engagement had taken place with the committee, public or other interested stakeholders, and
 - (2) the service reconfiguration would not be in the best interests of the service users and local public.

5. Implications of the Recommendations

- 5.1. There are no implications to legal or financial matters, equality, human resources, risk management, or for rural communities, children and young people or public health.

6. Access to Information

- 6.1. The letter received from the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, on 30 July 2019, is published alongside this covering report.

7. Contact Information

- 7.1. Any questions relating to this report should be directed to the following officer:

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