

REPORT TO:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (CROYDON) 7 February 2018
SUBJECT:	Devolution of London and what it means for Croydon
BOARD SPONSOR:	<i>Agnelo Fernandes, Guy Van Dichele, Rachel Flowers</i>
BOARD PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	
Devolution has the potential to significantly impact health and social care within Croydon. This item directly relates to the Devolution sub-priority within the Integration Board priority.	
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	
<i>There are no financial implications of this report. This report will touch on the potential financial implications of Devolution in general terms but there are no details at this time.</i>	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

This report recommends that the health and wellbeing board:

- 1.1 Note the report
- 1.2 Note the presentation by Dick Sorabji, Corporate Director Policy and Public Affairs, London Councils, and discuss the potential implications of devolution

2. DETAIL

- 2.1 In November 2017 a memorandum of understanding for London Health and Social Care Devolution was signed for and on behalf of London, Central Government and National Health and Care Partners.
- 2.2 The landmark agreement gives the Mayor, London Councils and health leaders more control over health and care in the capital, leading to more joined-up services for Londoners. The deal is the largest of its kind in England with over 100 organisations involved in shaping it over the past couple of years.
- 2.3 Localising decision-making to London through devolution will bring many improvements to health and care. It was hailed by Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, as “a really important step in the right direction in our journey to becoming the world’s healthiest city.”
- 2.4 The NHS is one of the largest owners of land and buildings in London: land it owns is up to three times the size of Hyde Park and has an estimated value of more than £11bn. Currently, a high proportion of London’s primary care estate – including GP surgeries and family health clinics – is in poor condition, with 13 per cent requiring rebuilding and 51 per cent in need of refurbishment.
- 2.5 The memorandum of understanding means that money from the sale of NHS-owned assets will be available for much-needed primary and community care

and wider public services in the capital. The release of unused land will also create the opportunity to develop more housing.

- 2.6 A London Estates Board will bring together London and national partners to support the release of capital from surplus NHS estate and land to be reinvested in the city's health and care system. This new way of working will speed up decision-making and ensure improvements happen much faster than the current five to 10-year average time to develop NHS estates.
- 2.7 Over the past two years, pilot projects across five areas in the capital have been exploring innovative ways of working across London's large and complex health and care system – developing better and more efficient services that meet the needs of Londoners. Through their work, London has secured a number of powers which will help streamline care, improve services and drive prevention to the heart of local communities.
- 2.8 This deal brings health and social care services closer together, meaning that Londoners will experience more joined-up care that better meets their needs. This will help to overcome many of the barriers to health and care organisations working better together – such as around payments, regulation or workforce.
- 2.9 Improving London's health inequalities is a major focus for the Mayor, with huge disparities in the quality of life across the capital caused by the differences in people's homes, education and their childhood experiences, local environment, their jobs, access to public services and their habits. London is now in a stronger position than before to support Londoners to be as healthy as possible for as long as possible, taking more action to tackle the childhood obesity crisis and to significantly reduce health inequalities through a focus on the consumption of illegal tobacco and alcohol.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: London Health and Social Care Devolution, Memorandum of Understanding, November 2017:
https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2017/11/171115_Signed-Memorandum-of-Understanding-Report-VF.pdf

APPENDICES: None