

<b>Item No:</b> 10	<b>Classification:</b> OPEN	<b>Date:</b> 9 December 2013	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Health, Adult Social Care, Communities & Citizenship Scrutiny Sub-Committee
<b>Report Title:</b>		Southwark London Medical Committee cover report	
<b>Ward(s) or Group affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Scrutiny project manager	

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. The Southwark branch of the London Medical Committee (LMC) have provided a report to contribute to the review on Access to Health Services in Southwark

## LOCAL MEDICAL COUNCIL

2. LMCs represent GPs and practice teams in their negotiations with decision makers and stakeholders from health and local government to get the best services for patients. They are elected committees of GPs enshrined in statute. Londonwide LMCs and LMCs also provide a broad range of support and advice to individuals and practices on a variety of professional issues.

## INVITE TO GIVE EVIDENCE

3. Southwark's LMC was invited to attend the committee meeting and submit written evidence. Nobody from the LMC was able to attend the meeting but the LMC's have submitted written evidence in the report attached.
4. The following questions were asked :
  - What service pressures are local GPs facing ?
  - How easy is it for patients to access GP surgeries?
  - What could be better done by the Health and Adult Social Care system to reduce service pressures and better direct people to the right services?
5. The LMC were given the outline of the review Terms of Reference for further comment :
  - Accessing out of hours care – specifically the 111 service and rollout in Southwark
  - Access to individual GP surgeries and walk in centres - both in terms of ability to take on more patients and resulting waiting times for appointments. The review will seek to establish how easy it is for patients to access surgeries. (N.B. the review will consider surgeries in neighbouring boroughs that Southwark residents use)
  - The implications of the TSA and KHP merger on access to Emergency & Urgent care and resulting implications for GP surgeries
  - Understanding the reasons for increased use of A & Es over winter and how this could be reduced - where appropriate