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1. Purpose of Paper

The aim of this item and presentation is to provide an overview of a programme of work underway to review and improve integrated eye care services in the county.

2. Executive Summary

2.1. Context

The Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Eye Health Needs Assessment (EHNA 2019) highlights extensive growth in the prevalence of cataract, glaucoma, and age related macular degeneration (AMD) due to an ageing population, with a projected rise in AMD and cataract of over 55% between 2016-2030.

There is a need to find system-wide solutions capable of meeting current and increasing demand for eye care services.

2.2. Summary

The programme aims to provide timely, safe, effective, and sustainable integrated eye care services at the right time, in the right place, by the right person with excellent patient experience.

There are a number of reasons why we need to change the way we currently provide eye care. We need to:

- Anticipate the increasing need for services
- Reduce unnecessary face to face outpatient appointments
- Ensure early detection and prevention
- Provide more joined up services across primary, secondary and community care
- Provide more services closer to home, when it's needed
- Make better use of new technologies and developments in eye care
- Make better use of data and tracking people's care.

2.3. Conclusion

Key areas of work that are included in the eye-care improvement programme are:

- Referrals processes
- Outpatients
- Integrated pathways across primary/community/secondary eye-care and links with social care
- Multi-speciality pathways (e.g. Giant Cell Arteritis, Hydroxychloroquine monitoring)

