

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

NEW JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Purpose of the Report

1. To request Council's final approval for the formation of a new Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire now that the Terms of Reference for the Committee have been finalised.

Information and Advice

2. On 14 January 2016, Council agreed in principle to the formation of a new Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw, and North Derbyshire, the purpose of which is to scrutinise Commissioners Working Together (CWT). CWT is a collaboration between eight clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and NHS England across South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire. The CCGs involved are: Wakefield, Barnsley, Doncaster, Sheffield, Rotherham, North Derbyshire, Bassetlaw and Hardwick.
3. CWT is currently undertaking a strategic review of health and social care in the region while working to deliver four work streams: cardiovascular disease, children's services, smaller specialties (covering ear, nose and throat, oral maxilla face, and ophthalmology) and out of hospital care.
4. During the course of the next few years CWT will be putting together proposals to reconfigure these services. NHS bodies and health service providers are required to consult a local authority's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee about any proposal they have under consideration for a substantial development of or variation in the provision of health services within the local authority's area. However, where the proposed changes are substantial and affect more than one local authority area, the local authorities concerned are required to form a joint overview and scrutiny committee to deal with the consultation and respond on behalf of their communities.
5. CWT are planning to consult on substantial changes to two service areas (acute stroke care and children's surgery and anaesthetic services) which will affect Nottinghamshire residents in Bassetlaw as well as residents in Barnsley, Derbyshire, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield and Wakefield.
6. The terms of reference for this new Joint Health Scrutiny Committee are attached as an appendix to this report.

7. The Committee's working arrangements are as follows: The Committee will meet on an ad hoc basis as topics require scrutiny. On a rotating basis for each meeting, each local authority will Chair and provide administrative support to that meeting. Such an arrangement will require clear lines of communication between all of the Committee's Members and the officers who support them.
8. Each local authority will have a single representative on the committee. It is recommended that the County Council's representative be the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee.
9. Generally, the venue for meetings will be the NHS England offices at Oak House in Rotherham. It is not anticipated that any meetings will take place at County Hall.

Other Options Considered

8. None – local authorities are required to form joint health scrutiny committees when NHS organisations have to consult on substantial changes involving more than one local authority.

Reasons for Recommendation

9. To form a new joint health scrutiny committee.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

11. Costs will be incurred in relation to Member and officer travel to the new joint health committee. Once in every seven meetings, Nottinghamshire County Council will support the administration of the committee, and this will result in this authority bearing the costs in relation to the preparation, duplication and circulation of the committee's papers. These costs will be met from within existing budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the formation of a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee comprising Nottinghamshire, Barnsley, Derbyshire, Doncaster, Rotherham, Sheffield and Wakefield to examine substantial changes of service by the Commissioners Working Together Programme be agreed, with the terms of reference set out in the appendix.

- 2) That the County Council's representative on the new Joint Committee be the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 03/05/2016)

13. County Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (RWK 28/04/2016)

14. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 10.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

- All