

**15 July 2014****Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****NEW HEALTH SCRUTINY GUIDANCE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce the new guidance on Health Scrutiny issued by the Department of Health.

**Information and Advice**

2. Last month, the Department of Health issued guidance to support Local Authorities and their partners to deliver effective health scrutiny. The guidance is intended to provide an up-to-date explanation and guide to implementation of the regulations under the National Health Service Act 2006 governing the local authority health scrutiny function. The relevant regulations are the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013. The duties in the Regulations are aimed at supporting local authorities carrying out the local authority health scrutiny function.
3. The regulations describe the arrangements for Joint Health Scrutiny on page 17 at paragraph 3.1.16 and mention discretionary Joint Health Scrutiny Committees for the purpose of dealing with health issues that cross local authority boundaries. In addition, 3.1.17 also makes reference to mandatory Joint Health Committees where more than one local authority health scrutiny function needs to be consulted in relation to substantial reconfiguration proposal. It is anticipated that for Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire, this committee will fulfill both the discretionary and mandatory roles.
4. At this stage, Members are invited to note the new guidance. Officers supporting the Joint Health Committee will develop a detailed briefing on the issues raised by the guidance and bring this back to the committee in the autumn.
5. The new guidance is attached as an appendix for information.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee note the new guidance.

**Councillor Parry Tsimbiridis**  
**Chairman of Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee**

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**Background Papers**

Nil

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All