

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**NEW JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS****Purpose of the Report**

1. To request Council's in principle agreement to the formation of a new Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for South and Mid Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire subject to further information regarding the Terms of Reference of the Committee.

Information and Advice

2. Commissioners Working Together (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. On 18 November 2015, CWT wrote to the Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council (and the other local authorities concerned) formally requesting that a new Joint Health Scrutiny Committee be set up and that a response be sent to CWT by Friday 15 January 2016.

7. It is recommended that Council agree in principle to the formation of this new joint health scrutiny body so that the interests of the Nottinghamshire residents concerned can be properly represented to CWT.
8. It is anticipated that one of the Yorkshire authorities will lead on the development of terms of reference, the size and number of representatives, chair and host the committee. .
9. When further information is available, a further report will be brought to Committee for a final decision.

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

10. It is anticipated that costs will be incurred in relation to Member travel to the new joint health committee. It is not known at this stage whether this authority will be asked to make a proportionate contribution to the costs associated with the running of the committee (e.g. administration, venue hire and catering).

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 in principle.
- 2) That a further report be brought to Council when the details of the Committee, including size, host authority and terms of reference are known.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 21/21/2015)

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

Financial Comments (NR 21/12/15)

14. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

- All