

23 June 2014**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****PROPOSED MERGER OF CLIPSTONE HEALTH CENTRE AND FARNSFIELD
SURGERY****Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce a briefing on the proposed merger of Clipstone Health Centre and Farnsfield Surgery.

Information and Advice

2. Representatives from the practices concerned and the NHS England Local Area Team will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to provide a briefing on the proposed changes. A written briefing from NHS England is attached as an Appendix to this report.
3. Members will wish to undertake detailed questioning regarding the proposed changes and in particular, the planned communication, engagement and consultation; and how the results of consultation will influence service design. The last two pages of the briefing describe the key aims of the engagement and comprehensively lists the stakeholder groups and methods of engagement and timings.
4. Further to receiving the briefing, the Health Scrutiny Committee will need to determine if the proposed merger is in the interests of the local Health Service.
5. How the Health Scrutiny Committee receives information from NHS England and practices is still in a state of evolution. Members may wish to identify additional information that they would like to see in briefings on practice mergers and/or the format in which they wish to receive information.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- i) receive the briefing on the proposed merger
- ii) determine if the proposed change is in the interests of the local Health Service

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Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Mansfield East (Councillors Alan Bell and Colleen Harwood)
Farnsfield and Lowdham (Councillor Roger Jackson)