

9 October 2012**Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****CARE QUALITY COMMISSION - UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To introduce an update on the work of the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Information and Advice

2. Further to the ongoing work by this committee in developing relations with the CQC, representatives of the CQC last made a presentation to the Joint Health Committee on 13th March 2012.
3. Members heard then that the boundaries used by the CQC had now been aligned with those used by NHS Commissioning Boards and the Government's planned reorganization of social care services. There would also be additional funding to recruit more inspectors and managers. The new inspectors would be allocated between Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City. There would be 12 to 13 in each team and 40-45 cases per inspector.
4. While the CQC was not carrying out themed inspections, similar issues were emerging during the course of inspections and these included:
 - Better care planning
 - Staffing levels
 - Support and supervision of staff
 - Involving people in their own care
5. The CQC was currently aiming to improve collaborative working and information sharing. When investigations involved a number of different agencies there were always clear boundaries as to role and priority for evidence gathering – with priority given to the Police in a criminal investigation.
6. CQC representatives reported in March that they were on track to complete the inspection programme of existing registered providers. However, new providers are registering all the time.
7. Deanna Westwood, CQC Compliance Manager for the Central Region will attend the Joint Health Committee on 9th October to provide an update on the work of the CQC.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee receive the update from the Care Quality Commission and ask questions about the information provided.

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Chairman of Joint City and County Health Scrutiny Committee

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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