

JOINT CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
10 FEBRUARY 2015	
INFORMATION GATHERING FROM THIRD SECTOR	
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES (NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL)	Agenda Item 5

1. Purpose

To hear and consider the views of representatives of the Third Sector on the current state of the health sector in Nottingham/ Nottinghamshire and on current health issues.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to explore the views of the Third Sector with the representatives at the meeting. In order to base recommendations in relation to health on sound evidence, the Committee needs to consider a wide range of perspectives.

3. Background information

- 3.1 In February 2013 Robert Francis published his report into the failings at Stafford Hospital run by the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust. The report drew attention to the importance of scrutiny by local councillors as part of the framework of health service accountability. However, the report also noted that there was evidence that some scrutiny committees relied too heavily on the evidence of providers and commissioners. Good scrutiny relies on gathering a range of evidence, including from patients, service users, the third sector and voluntary/ community organisations.
- 3.2 HWB 3 is the Third Sector Health and Wellbeing Provider Forum, launched in February 2012. It aims to ensure the involvement of Third Sector health and social care providers in the planning, development and delivery of service provision through effective partnership working.
- 3.3 Representatives of HWB3 will attend today's meeting to provide the Committee with their views on the state of the health sector in Nottingham/ Nottinghamshire.

4. List of attached information

None

5. **Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

None

6. **Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

None

7. **Wards affected**

All

8. **Contact information**

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