

23 July 2019

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

NHS PROPERTY SERVICES

Purpose of the Report

1. To introduce a presentation on the work and role of NHS Property Services.

Information

2. NHS Property Services is a government owned company with responsibility for managing a large portfolio of NHS property. Their property portfolio comprises more than 3000 properties with 7000 tenants across England with a total value of more than £3 billion, representing about 10% of the total NHS estate.
3. A recent report by the National Audit Office (NAO) indicated that more than eight years after it was created NHS Property Services still lacks the powers it needs to run its affairs effectively, and the accuracy of bills is still disputed. Almost £700 million of debt owed to NHS Property Services has been written off or is still unpaid. A new arbitration process for managing disputes has been labelled as ineffective.
4. A briefing from NHS Property Services is attached as an appendix to this report,
5. Senior representatives of NHS Property Services will attend the Health Scrutiny Committee to deliver the presentation on their organisation and its work.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided.
- 2) Schedule further consideration, as necessary.

**Councillor Keith Girling
Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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Background Papers

Nil

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All