

meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

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## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### **Joint Health Scrutiny Annual Report 2010-11**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the annual report of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

#### **Information**

2. The County Council participates in a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Nottingham City Council in order to ensure accountability and a wider community engagement in health issues across the conurbation. The joint committee scrutinises developments in local NHS services and helps to ensure the delivery of local health services. This year the committee concluded a review looking at dementia care in hospital (specifically Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust). The review was well received and had considerable coverage in the Nottingham Post. Professor Rowan Harwood, Dementia Lead for the Trust, stated that the committee had done the people of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire an enormous service in the way that it had raised the profile of dementia care issues. This review has been put forward for a Centre for Public Scrutiny Award for Joint Working.
3. Care Quality Commission (CQC) Action Learning Set: The Chair and Vice Chair of Joint Health (and lead officers) have also taken part in the Care Quality Commissions events based around building relations and potentially sharing information with Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees. In addition, the Joint Committee set up a study group to develop relations with the CQC locally.
4. Quality Accounts: The Joint Health Committee undertakes an annual examination of the NHS Provider Trust draft Quality Accounts for Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust, Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust and the East Midlands Ambulance Service. Quality Accounts follow statutory guidelines and are developed with input from the Trust Board, Member Governors, Staff and Service Users. They reflect a broad range of quality measures and state the priorities for the coming year. This year the Joint Committee exercised

its prerogative to give the Trusts comments to include within the Quality Accounts. The Joint Committee also strongly encouraged the East Midlands Ambulance Service to include a greater focus on the work of the Passenger Transport Service within the Quality Account (further to a review of this service by the Joint Committee in 2009).

### **Recommendation**

5. It is recommended that the annual report of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee be received.

**COUNCILLOR MEL SHEPHERD**  
**Chair of the Joint Health Committee**

### **Legal Services' comments (SLB 10/05/2011)**

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

### **Background papers available for inspection**

None

### **Electoral division(s) affected**

Nottinghamshire