

<b>HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL</b>
<b>29 NOVEMBER 2012</b>
<b>NHS TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS (CCG AUTHORISATION AND HEALTHWATCH) UPDATE</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>

## **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To fulfil the remit of the Health Scrutiny Panel to
- a) scrutinise local arrangements for the commissioning and delivery of local health services to ensure reduced health inequalities, access to services and the best health outcomes for citizens; and
  - b) monitor the Council Executive's statutory responsibility to ensure an effective LINK through commissioning a host organisation.

## **2. Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the updates provided by contributors and to discuss progress with them to ensure
- a) that robust arrangements are in place for commissioning and delivery as we transfer to new arrangements under the Health and Social Care Act; and
  - b) that effective arrangements are in place to support the transition to Local Healthwatch from April 2013.

## **3. Background information**

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act requires significant changes to arrangements for the commissioning and delivery of local health services.
- 3.2 It was agreed at the Panel's first meeting in September 2011 that each key area of NHS transition would be scrutinised at every meeting to ensure that arrangements for the commissioning and delivery of local health services are robust and in the best interests of local health services, patients and the public.
- 3.3 At its September 2012 meeting, councillors were updated on the Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG) emerging draft strategy, and specifically its five strategic priorities, identified in the minutes to that meeting. The Panel also learnt of the steps being taken to commission Local Healthwatch in Nottingham.
- 3.4 At this meeting, colleagues will provide the Panel will an outline of progress as follows:

- Dawn Smith, Chief Operating Officer, NHS Nottingham City Clinical Commissioning Group will update the Panel on the decision-making stages to be undertaken in respect of CCG authorisation
- Andrew Hall, Acting Director of Health and Wellbeing Transition NHS Nottingham City / Nottingham City Council, will advise on progress in taking forward Local Healthwatch. Councillors will be especially interested to hear about the progress made in developing protocols in preparation for the commissioning process for Healthwatch, involving 2 Panel representatives.

3.5 It is the role of this Panel to

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- b) monitor the Council Executive's statutory responsibility to ensure an effective LINK through commissioning a host organisation.

3.6 In order to fulfil this role, councillors will need to engage in focused discussion and questioning in order to be reassured that robust arrangements are in place.

#### **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**

Health and Social Care Act 2012

<http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2010-11/healthandsocialcare.html>

Reports to and minutes of the Health Scrutiny Panel meeting 28 September 2011

#### **7. Wards affected**

All

#### **8. Contact information**

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