

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
28 MARCH 2013
NHS TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS UPDATE
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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 Panel 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 The Panel decided to scrutinise each key area of NHS transition 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 meeting in January 2013, councillors were advised that the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had been authorised and work was underway to finalise its strategy; and that progress was on track in relation to the transfer of public health responsibilities to the Council. The Panel also received a presentation on the draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy, which is now being consulted on and is due to be approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board in June 2013. Since the meeting, Healthwatch Engagement and Liaison Partnership (HELP) has been appointed to run Healthwatch Nottingham.

- 3.4 At this meeting Andrew Hall, Acting Director of Health and Wellbeing Transition NHS Nottingham City / Nottingham City Council will advise on progress in respect of:
- Local Healthwatch
 - Public health transition to local authority and
 - Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 3.5 The Chair has agreed that, as the CCG has now been authorised and the Panel has been satisfied with progress towards its formal commencement Dawn Smith, Chief Operating Officer, NHS Nottingham City CCG can provide a written update to the Panel. This will be circulated when it becomes available.
- 3.6 It is the role of this 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.
- 3.8 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.
- 3.9 With the new arrangements for the commissioning and delivery of local health services commencing from April 2013 this is the final in the series of progress updates. The Panel will want to consider if there are any issues that it wishes to pick up in its work programme for 2013/14.

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
Minutes of meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel 29 January 2013

7. **Wards affected**

All

8. Contact information

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