

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
29 MAY 2013
HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To make sure all members of the Health Scrutiny Panel are aware of the terms of reference for the Panel and its implications for the operation of the Panel during the year.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to note the terms of reference for the Health Scrutiny Panel.

3. Background information

- 3.1 On 20 May 2013 Council is due to establish the Health Scrutiny Panel and agree its terms of reference. The terms of reference (pending agreement by Council) is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The main changes to the terms of reference from 2012/13 are:
- a) The Panel is a scrutiny committee in its own right (not a sub-committee of Overview and Scrutiny Committee as previously) and holds all the overview and scrutiny roles and responsibilities for matters within its remit.
 - b) The Panel's remit has been expanded to include social care matters. This reflects increasing integration of health and social care, feedback from colleagues and councillors and learning from other local authorities.
 - c) To reflect the enhanced statutory health scrutiny powers as set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012, expanding the scope of health scrutiny to include all 'relevant health service organisations', including providers of NHS and public health services commissioned by clinical commissioning groups, local authorities and the NHS Commissioning Board, including providers in the independent and third sectors.
 - d) To reflect the changes arising from the Health and Social Care Act 2012, in particular the establishment of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch.

4. **List of attached information**

4.1 The following information can be found in the appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – Health Scrutiny Panel Terms of Reference

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

None

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

Report to Full Council meeting held on 20 May 2013

7. **Wards affected**

All

8. **Contact information**

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- (a) To set and manage its work programme to fulfil the overview and scrutiny roles and responsibilities in relation to health and social care matters, including, for matters within its remit, the ability to:
 - i. hold local decision-makers, including the Council's Executive, to account for their decisions, action and performance;
 - ii. review policy and contribute to the development of new policy and the strategy of the Council and other local decision-makers where it impacts on Nottingham residents;
 - iii. explore any matters affecting Nottingham and/ or its residents;
 - iv. make reports and recommendations to relevant local agencies with respect to the delivery of their functions, including the Council and its Executive;
- (b) To exercise the Council's statutory role in scrutinising health services for the City in accordance with National Health Service Act 2006 as amended and associated regulations and guidance;
- (c) To engage with and respond to formal and informal consultations from local health service commissioners and providers;
- (d) To scrutinise the commissioning and delivery of local health and social care services to ensure reduced health inequalities, access to services and the best outcomes for citizens;
- (e) To hold the Health and Wellbeing Board to account for its work to improve the health and wellbeing of the population of Nottingham City and to reduce health inequalities;
- (f) To work with, and consider referrals from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to support effective delivery of a co-ordinated overview and scrutiny work programme;
- (g) To respond to referrals from, and make referrals to, Healthwatch Nottingham as appropriate;
- (h) In consultation with the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny, to commission time-limited review panels (no more than 1 major review at any one time) to carry out a review of a matter within its remit. This commissioning includes setting the remit, initial timescale and size of membership to meet the needs of the review being undertaken. Review Panels will be chaired by the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel;
- (i) To monitor the effectiveness of its work programme and the impact of outcomes from its scrutiny activity;
- (j) To appoint a lead health scrutiny councillor for the purposes of liaising with stakeholders on behalf of the health scrutiny function, including the Health and Wellbeing Board, Healthwatch Nottingham and the Portfolio Holder with responsibility for health and social care issues;

- (k) To co-opt people from outside the Council to sit on the Panel or any review panels it commissions as relevant to support effective delivery of the overview and scrutiny work programme.