

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
24 SEPTEMBER 2014
TRANSFER OF CHILDREN'S PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONING FOR 0-5 YEAR OLDS TO NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

To consider the transfer of responsibility for children's public health commissioning for 0-5 year olds to Nottingham City Council.

2. Action required

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to use the information provided to scrutinise progress in the transfer of children's public health commissioning for 0-5 year olds to Nottingham City Council to ensure that a smooth transfer takes place and the benefits of the transfer of responsibility are maximised; and consider whether any further scrutiny is required.

3. Background information

- 3.1 Responsibility for the commissioning of public health services for 0-5 year olds is due to transfer from NHS England to Nottingham City Council on 1 October 2015. This includes the commissioning of the health visiting service.
- 3.2 Local authorities already have responsibility for the commissioning of public health services for children aged 5-19 years and provide a range of other services that impact on the health and wellbeing of babies and children, for example children's centres. A strategic review of 0-19 years services is ongoing and potentially this transfer provides the opportunity to join up the commissioning of these services.
- 3.3 A paper outlining the current position in terms of health visitors in the City and progress in the transfer of responsibilities is attached. The Council's lead Public Health Consultant for this area of work and a representative of NHS England Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Area Team will be attending the meeting to outline work that has already taken place, and future plans in relation to the transfer of responsibility between the two organisations.

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4. **List of attached information**

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

Appendix 1 – ‘Health Visitor Implementation Plan and Transfer of Responsibilities to Nottingham City Council’

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

None

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

As set out in the appendix

7. **Wards affected**

All

8. **Contact information**

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