

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
14 DECEMBER 2017
NEW MODEL FOR HEALTHWATCH IN NOTTINGHAM
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To hear about the commissioning of a new model for Healthwatch provision in Nottingham.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider whether the new model for Healthwatch in Nottingham has any implications for the way in which health scrutiny engages with Healthwatch in the future.

3 Background information

- 3.1 Since April 2013 every local authority with social services responsibilities has been required to establish arrangements for a Local Healthwatch organisation to act as a consumer champion in health and social care and make sure that views of the public and service users are taken into account in decision making.
- 3.2 Healthwatch Nottingham has been commissioned as an independent organisation but the Council holds the contract for local Healthwatch arrangements and is responsible for ensuring that the arrangements operate effectively.
- 3.3 A new model for Healthwatch in Nottingham has been agreed. Attached is a paper outlining the new model and the lead commissioner will be attending the meeting to answer questions about this approach. Representatives of Healthwatch Nottingham and Healthwatch Nottinghamshire will also be attending the meeting to outline their current thinking on the new model.
- 3.4 Locally there is a working agreement between Health Scrutiny, Healthwatch Nottingham and the Health and Wellbeing Board. A copy of the agreement is attached. A representative of Healthwatch Nottingham has been invited to attend and contribute to meetings of the Committee (although is not a member of the Committee) and representatives of Healthwatch have been invited to participate in activities such as Quality Account meetings. The Committee is asked to consider whether the new model for how Healthwatch operates in Nottingham has any implications for the way in which the Health Scrutiny Committee engages with Healthwatch in the future.

4 List of attached information

- 4.1 Paper on Healthwatch Arrangements
- 4.2 Working Agreement Between Health Scrutiny, Healthwatch Nottingham and the Health and Wellbeing Board

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

- 5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 6.1 None

7 Wards affected

- 7.1 All

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