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| <b>HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>                                 |
| <b>22 FEBRUARY 2018</b>  |
| <b>SUBSTANTIAL VARIATIONS OR DEVELOPMENTS TO HEALTH SERVICES</b> |
| <b>REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE</b>                    |

## **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To ensure that Committee members have a good understanding of the process for identifying and dealing with substantial variations or developments to health services.

## **2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the process for dealing with substantial variations or developments to health services.

## **3 Background information**

- 3.1 Legislation sets out a role for health scrutiny in relation to proposals by commissioners for substantial variations or developments to health services.
- 3.2 Following feedback from Committee members and commissioners, a document has been put together setting out a clear process for dealing with substantial variations or developments to health services so that the expectations of all stakeholders are clearly set out. This work has taken place jointly with Nottinghamshire County Council to ensure a consistent approach for commissioners working across Greater Nottingham.
- 3.3 Attached is the process for dealing with substantial variations or developments to health services affecting Nottingham City residents. It is important that all Committee members are aware of the Committee's role and responsibilities; the role and responsibilities of commissioners; and the agreed process for identifying and dealing with local substantial variations or developments of health services. The Committee may wish to identify if any additional information, guidance or training is required to support Committee members in this fulfilling this role.

## **4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 'Health Scrutiny in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire: Process for dealing with substantial developments or variations to health services'

**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 Department of Health (2014) 'Local Authority Health Scrutiny'

Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013

NHS England (2013) 'Planning and Delivering Service Changes for Patients'

Centre for Public Scrutiny (2005) 'Substantial Variations and Developments of Health Services'

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All

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