

Health Scrutiny Committee Terms of Reference

- a) To set and manage its work programme to fulfil the overview and scrutiny roles and responsibilities for health and social care matters, including, 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 policies and strategies of the Council and other local decision-makers where they impact on Nottingham residents;
 - (iii) explore any matters affecting Nottingham and/ or its residents;
 - (iv) make reports and recommendations to relevant local agencies in relation 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 Nottingham City in accordance with the 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 the other scrutiny committees, 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) To commission time-limited panels (no more than 1 panel at any one time) to carry out a review of a matter within its remit. Commissioning includes setting the remit, initial timescale and size of membership to meet the needs of the review to be carried out. Such review panels will be chaired by the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Committee;
- 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 Committee or any review panels it commissions to support effective delivery of the work programme.

Membership

The Committee has 12 members. Membership must not include members of the Executive Board. The Committee is politically balanced, with allocation of seats between political groups determined on a year by year basis.