



SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

Full Council

Report of: Director of Policy, Performance and Communications

Report to: Full Council

Date: 4th March 2016

Subject: Establishment and Appointment of a Representative to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Support Health Service Change in South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire.

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Summary:

NHS England and NHS Sheffield CCG have formally requested that local authorities in the 'Commissioners Working Together' programme area establish a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider proposed substantial variations to local health services.

There is a statutory duty for NHS bodies to consult with Overview and Scrutiny Committees where changes to services are proposed. Where these changes affect more than one local authority, a joint committee is required to be established to consider and respond to the consultation.

Recommendations:

That the Council:

- a) joins the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to support health service change in South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire.

- b) appoints the Chair of the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, or his or her nominee to serve as a Member of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee: and
- c) delegates approval of the terms of reference of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
Yes Cleared by: Pauline Wood
Legal Implications
YES Cleared by: Deborah Eaton
Equality of Opportunity Implications
NO
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO
Human rights Implications
NO:
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
NO
Human resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Leader
Health, Care and Independent Living
Relevant Scrutiny Committee if decision called in
Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
YES
Press release
NO

Establishment and Appointment of a Representative to the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Support Health Service Change in South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire.

1. Summary

- 1.1 NHS England and NHS Sheffield CCG have formally requested that local authorities in South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire establish a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider proposed substantial variations to local health services.
- 1.2 There is a statutory duty for NHS bodies to consult with Overview and Scrutiny Committees where changes to services are proposed. Where these changes affect more than one local authority, a joint committee is required to be established to consider and respond to the consultation.

2. Background

- 2.1 Commissioners Working Together (CWT) is a collaborative of 8 Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS England across South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire. This footprint covers the following 7 Councils:

Sheffield	Barnsley
Derbyshire	Rotherham
Doncaster	Wakefield
Nottinghamshire	
- 2.2 Planning and commissioning on this wider footprint is becoming increasingly urgent as more and more people use NHS Services, live longer and the technology to deliver care improves. In addition, for some services, there won't be enough trained and experienced staff in the future. As with all public services, there is a need to ensure that financial resources are used in an effective and efficient manner.
- 2.3 CWT is therefore looking at all services across the footprint from GP practices, to community, mental health and acute hospital services.
- 2.4 CWT is planning to consult on substantial changes to two service areas - acute stroke care and children's surgery and anaesthetic services - during 2016 and has requested that a joint committee is established to facilitate early discussions about the process and content of each formal consultation.

3. Establishing a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 3.1 There is a statutory duty for NHS bodies to consult with Overview and Scrutiny Committees where changes to services are proposed. Under health scrutiny legislation, where these changes affect more than one local authority, a joint committee is required to be established to consider and respond to the consultation.

- 3.2 Work is currently underway to draft the terms of reference for the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee. To avoid any delay in establishing the joint committee, it is recommended that the terms of reference be submitted to the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee for approval. The work of the joint committee will be reported back to the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee as part of their work programme.
- 3.3 In recent years it has been precedent for the Chair of the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee to serve on Joint Committees.
- 3.4 Council is asked to agree to the establishment of the joint committee and to appoint the Chair of the Healthier Communities and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, or his or her nominee to serve as a member of the Joint Committee.
- 3.5 This Joint Committee will need to be added to the schedule of Council appointments to outside bodies in future years.

4. What does this mean for Sheffield people

- 4.1 Taking part in the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee gives Sheffield's democratically elected community leaders an opportunity to voice the views of Sheffield people in relation to health service changes.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Health Scrutiny Regulations (Regulation 30) 2013 require local authorities to appoint a joint committee where health organisations have consult with more than one local authority scrutiny committee on substantial reconfiguration proposals. These are referred to as mandatory joint health scrutiny committees.

6 Financial Implications

- 6.1 It is anticipated that costs will be incurred in relation to Member travel to the new joint health committee. There will be no Special Responsibility Allowance attached to membership of this Joint Committee.
- 6.2 It is not known at this stage whether this authority will be asked to make proportionate contribution to the costs associated with the running of the committee e.g.administration, but it is anticipated that supporting this Joint Committee will be met within existing resources.

7. Recommendation

- 7.1 That the Council:

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