

Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 5 February 2019

Electoral Division affected:
(All Divisions);

The appointment of a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System

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Executive Summary

This report sets out a forthcoming requirement to appoint a joint health scrutiny committee for the purpose of considering referrals from the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System.

Recommendation

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

1. Agrees in principle to the appointment of a joint health scrutiny committee for the purpose of considering referrals from the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System.
2. Recommends that the Health Scrutiny Steering Group develops and finalises the terms of reference for the joint health scrutiny committee in collaboration with the other relevant authorities for submission to the Internal Scrutiny Committee, to formally agree the appointment at the earliest opportunity.

Background and Advice

In 2016, NHS organisations and local councils came together to form 44 sustainability and transformation partnerships (STPs) covering the whole of England, and set out their proposals to improve health and care for patients.

In some areas, including Lancashire and South Cumbria these partnerships evolved to form an integrated care system (ICS), where NHS organisations, in partnership with local councils and others, took collective responsibility for managing resources, delivering NHS standards, and improving the health of the population they served.

The Health Scrutiny Committee since October 2016, has received a number of updates from Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria on the transformation of health and care across the footprint.

Since the publication of the NHS Five Year Forward View in 2014, and the Sustainability and Transformation Plan published by Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria in 2016, there has been an impending need to appoint a joint health scrutiny committee between the two county councils and two unitary authorities within the Lancashire and South Cumbria footprint and an informal request to do so has been raised by Dr Amanda Doyle, Chief Officer of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System.

Regulation 30 of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, provides the power to establish joint health scrutiny committees with other local authorities subject to the responsible person¹ consulting more than one local authority pursuant to Regulation 23 (Consultation by responsible persons). Those authorities must appoint a joint overview and scrutiny committee for the purposes of consultation.

It should be noted that the county council's Internal Scrutiny Committee has to agree the establishment/appointment of a joint committee in accordance with Part 2 Article 5 (Overview and Scrutiny) of the council's constitution. The Internal Scrutiny Committee meets on a bi-monthly basis. With this in mind, it is felt that whilst a formal request is awaited from the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System, the Health Scrutiny Committee be asked to agree the appointment of a joint health scrutiny committee in principle. Furthermore, the Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to recommend that the Health Scrutiny Steering Group develops and finalises the terms of reference for submission to the Internal Scrutiny Committee, to formally agree the appointment at the earliest opportunity.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

There is a legal requirement to establish a joint health scrutiny committee in certain circumstances as outlined in the report.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate - N/A

¹ "a responsible person" means a relevant NHS body or a relevant health service provider