

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Friday, 10 September 2021

Electoral Division affected:
Burscough & Rufford;
Ormskirk; Skelmersdale
Central; Skelmersdale East;
Skelmersdale West; West
Lancashire East; West
Lancashire North; West
Lancashire West;

Appointment of a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the Reconfiguration of Hyper Acute Stroke Services across North Mersey and West Lancashire (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

A request to appoint a proposed Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purpose of reviewing the final proposal for the reconfiguration of hyper acute stroke services across the North Mersey and West Lancashire area proposed by Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group.

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to agree the proposed Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

Background and Advice

At its meeting on 7 July 2021, the Health Scrutiny Steering Group received a report from the NHS Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) detailing a proposal for the reconfiguration of hyper-acute stroke services across North Mersey and West Lancashire, adopting a new model of care to improve health outcomes for people who experience stroke. At that meeting the steering group determined that the proposal would represent a substantial variation for the people of West Lancashire and this was not contested by the CCG.

The proposal will affect residents living in the local authority areas of Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton and West Lancashire. The CCG has since presented the proposal to the relevant health scrutiny committees of all four (upper tier) local authorities. Subsequently all four local authorities have reached the same determination and

subject to NHS England being assured about the proposal, a public consultation would take place on the preferred option for the future delivery of these services.

Regulation 30 (5) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, requires affected local authorities to appoint a joint overview and scrutiny committee for the purposes of the consultation.

It's important to note that this joint committee is not a committee of Lancashire County Council, but a joint committee between each of the participating authorities that will make up the joint committee. Consequently, the county council cannot dictate or have full control over the appointment and the development of the terms of reference. In addition, all nine local authorities within the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership area¹ have an agreed protocol for the establishment of joint health scrutiny arrangements for Cheshire and Merseyside which sets out the operation of a statutory joint health scrutiny committee (Appendix A).

The Health Scrutiny Steering Group was first informed about a review of hyper-acute stroke services across the North Mersey and West Lancashire area at its meeting on 11 March 2020. At that meeting the steering group agreed to a request from Knowsley Council to align itself with the Cheshire and Merseyside Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol.

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to agree the proposed Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

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

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

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

¹ Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership is in the process of becoming an Integrated Care System (ICS): <https://www.cheshireandmerseysidepartnership.co.uk/about-us/journey-to-becoming-an-ics/>