

Health Scrutiny Committee

Terms of Reference

- 1.1. The Committee may review and scrutinise health services commissioned or delivered in the authority's area within the framework set out below:
 - a) arrangements made by NHS bodies to secure hospital and community health services to the inhabitants of the authority's area;
 - b) the provision of such services to those inhabitants;
 - c) the provision of family health services, personal medical services, personal dental services, pharmacy and NHS ophthalmic services;
 - d) the public health arrangements in the area;
 - e) the planning of health services by NHS bodies, including plans made in co-operation with local authorities, setting out a strategy for improving both the health of the local population, and the provision of health care to that population;
 - f) the plans, strategies and decisions of the Health and Wellbeing Board;
 - g) the arrangements made by NHS bodies for consulting and involving patients and the public under the duty placed on them by Sections 242 and 244 of the NHS Act 2006;
 - h) any matter referred to the Committee by Healthwatch under the Health and Social Care Act 2012;
 - i) social care services and other related services delivered by the authority.
- 1.2. The Committee may require partner authorities to provide information in respect of matters relating to the health service in the authority's area.
- 1.3. In addition, the Committee will be required to act as consultee to NHS bodies within their areas for:
 - a) substantial development of the health service in the authority's area; and
 - b) any proposals to make any substantial variations to the provision of such services.
- 1.4. These terms of reference include health services provided from a body outside the local authority's area to inhabitants within it.
- 1.5. The Health Scrutiny Committee shall appoint a joint committee where an NHS body intends to consult on a substantial development or variation to health services that extends beyond the area covered by the Committee and agree:
 - i) the size of any joint committee appointed for this purpose in consultation with other appropriate authorities which have an interest as consultees;
 - ii) the share of the Council's seats on each such joint committee; and
 - iii) the County Council's membership of any such joint committee in accordance with the wishes of political groups.

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