

Agenda Item No.8 (c)**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****COUNCIL****3 DECEMBER 2014****Report of the Director of Legal Services****JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY – GREATER MANCHESTER
JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****1. Purpose of the Report**

To inform the Council of the requirement for the Council to become a member of and approve the terms of reference for the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee in order to participate in the Healthier Together consultation programme regarding the reconfiguration of services across the Greater Manchester Area which includes the High Peak and to nominate Councillor Caitlin Bisknell to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as a voting member.

2. Information and Analysis

The Greater Manchester Association of Clinical Commissioning Groups notified the Chief Executives of the Greater Manchester Local Authorities of its intention to carry out a statutory consultation on the proposed reconfiguration of some hospital services across Greater Manchester, under the auspices of the Healthier Together Programme.

In accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 this requires the formation of joint scrutiny arrangements across the areas affected by the proposals. The Greater Manchester Authorities set up a Joint Health Scrutiny Panel for the purposes of scrutinising the NHS in Greater Manchester. It was determined that this Panel should become the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the Healthier Together Programme. This Panel has been renamed The Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. In accordance with the Regulations, only the Joint Committee will have the opportunity to respond to consultation regarding the reconfiguration of the services.

The reconfiguration of hospital services will affect Derbyshire residents living in the High Peak. Therefore, in order for the County Council to participate in the consultation programme, the Council must become a member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. Approval is therefore sought for the County Council to become a member of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the Healthier Together Consultation.

A copy of the terms of reference of the Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the Healthier Together Consultation is attached at Appendix 1. The Council will note that the current terms of reference specify that the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has delegated powers from the 10 authorities of Greater Manchester. Subject to the necessary amendment to include Derbyshire County Council, approval of the terms of reference of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, with a similar delegation of powers is sought.

In accordance with the terms of reference, each local authority should nominate one non-Cabinet Member to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. The terms of reference also stipulate that where possible, members should be drawn from the individual local Scrutiny Panels/Committees that have responsibility for scrutinising health and social care issues within their area. Councillor Caitlin Biskell is a member of Derbyshire's Health Scrutiny Committee. Councillor Bisknell's attendance at the meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as a non-voting member was approved by the Cabinet Member - Strategic Policy and Budget on 10th November 2014. Council's approval to nominate Councillor Bisknell as a voting member of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with a similar delegation of powers is now sought.

3. Legal Considerations

As contained in the report.

4. Health Considerations

The proposals outlined by the Healthier Together consultation programme will affect the services provided by the NHS to Derbyshire residents in the High Peak.

5. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors have also been considered; financial, prevention of crime and disorder, equality of opportunity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

6. Background papers

File held by the Director of Legal Services.

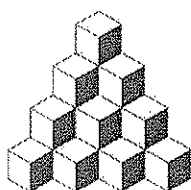
7. Officer Recommendations

That the Council:-

- i. Agrees to Derbyshire County Council becoming a member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee;
- ii. Approves and adopts the terms of reference of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
- iii. Nominates Councillor Bisknell as the member of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for Derbyshire County Council

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Terms of Reference and Protocols for Working



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GM JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MAY 2014

Terms of Reference

These reviewed arrangements take into account the extended role for Health Scrutiny as detailed in the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 ("the Local Health Scrutiny Regulations").

Membership

The membership of the GM Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will be nominated by the ten Greater Manchester local authorities. Each local authority will nominate one non-Executive/Cabinet member. Where possible, members will be drawn from the individual local Scrutiny Panels/Committees that have responsibility for scrutinising Health and Social Care issues within their area.

Officers of Individual District Health Scrutiny Panels/Committees are invited to attend to support and advise Members from their local authority on Health Scrutiny Issues and will have access to all agendas, briefing notes and minutes.

Substitutes will be allowed but will need to be non-Executive/Cabinet members of the respective local authority.

Role

The GM Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has the delegated powers from the 10 Authorities of Greater Manchester (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan) to undertake all the necessary functions of health scrutiny in accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 ("the Local Health Scrutiny Regulations"), relating to reviewing and scrutinising health services matters where these are at a Greater Manchester level, and to provide a body to which Health Services Providers have a duty to consult under the Local Health Scrutiny Regulations.

The Committee will scrutinise:

1. The strategies, policies, actions and consultations of:
 - NHS England Greater Manchester Local Area Team

- The joint work of the Greater Manchester Clinical Commissioning Groups (the Association of GM CCGs)
 - Public Health England (Greater Manchester)
 - Local Authorities across Greater Manchester regarding their role as providers and commissioners of social care, and as public health agencies.
 - All other cross-boundary NHS services i.e. North West Ambulance Service, Christies, Specialist Children's Services provided by the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital
2. Services provided to patients living and working across Greater Manchester
 3. Specific health issues that cut across geographical boundaries
 4. Individual authorities will reserve the right to undertake scrutiny of any of those authorities listed above with regard to matters relating specifically to their local population

Objectives

1. To ensure that the needs of local people are considered as an integral part of the delivery and development of health services; and to contribute to the reduction of health inequalities by ensuring that services are accessible to all local people.
2. To review proposals for consideration or items relating to proposed substantial developments/substantial variations to services provided across Greater Manchester by NHS organisations, including;
 - Changes in accessibility of services
 - Impact of proposal on the wider community
 - Patients affected
3. To engage pro-actively with the GM Health and Social Care Reform Programme as it develops.
4. To keep abreast of organisational changes and key policy implementation within the NHS.
5. To bring together the responsibilities of local authorities to promote health service provision, delivery and accessibility within the remit of the Health Scrutiny function.

Support

Officers from the Greater Manchester Integrated Support Team (GMIST) will provide policy and administrative support to the Panel.