

Agenda Item 7

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
Boston Borough Council	East Lindsey District Council	City of Lincoln Council	Lincolnshire County Council
North Kesteven District Council	South Holland District Council	South Kesteven District Council	West Lindsey District Council

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills,
The Executive Director responsible for Democratic Services

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	14 June 2017
Subject:	The Role of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire – An Introduction

Summary:

This report describes the key roles of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire.

Actions Required:

To develop an understanding of the role of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire.

1. Role of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire County Council has approved the following terms of reference for the Health Scrutiny for Lincolnshire: -

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire is authorised to undertake the following activities: -

- *To review and scrutinise the following services and their outcomes:*
 - *NHS funded health care; and*
 - *Health and Wellbeing Board, including in particular the Board's development of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.*

- *To review and scrutinise any matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services which affect the residents of Lincolnshire except for those under the remit of the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.*
- *To consider the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health on the Health of the People in Lincolnshire, using the report to inform the Committee's work programme.*
- *To consider and respond to any consultations by any responsible NHS commissioner which constitute a substantial development or substantial variation in the provision of health services in Lincolnshire, using the powers set out in the relevant health overview and scrutiny regulations and referring to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Health. Where there is a disagreement between the Committee and the responsible NHS commissioner which cannot be resolved after reasonable practicable steps and the Committee believe that*
 - (a) the proposed substantial variation or development would not be in the interests of the health service in Lincolnshire; or*
 - (b) the arrangements put in place by the responsible NHS commissioner for consultation have not been adequate in relation to content or time allowed; or*
 - (c) the reasons given for not consulting by the responsible NHS commissioner are not adequate;**the Committee may determine whether to refer the matter to the Secretary of State, in accordance with the relevant health overview and scrutiny regulations and any guidance issued by the Secretary of State for Health, taking account of any protocol agreed between the Committee and the responsible NHS commissioner.*
- *To consider and respond to any other health consultations, which affect the residents of Lincolnshire.*
- *To submit requests to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, for in-depth scrutiny reviews in relation to the above services. Where a request for a scrutiny review is approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, the scrutiny review will be undertaken by a Scrutiny Panel on behalf of the Committee.*
- *To consider and approve reports, including recommendations, prepared following in-depth reviews undertaken by Scrutiny Panels, for submission to the relevant NHS organisation or other decision maker. Such reports and recommendations to include:-*
 - (a) an explanation of the matter reviewed or scrutinised;*
 - (b) summary of the evidence considered;*
 - (c) a list of participants involved in the review or scrutiny; and*
 - (d) an explanation of any recommendations on the matter reviewed or scrutinised.*

- *To make reports and recommendations to any relevant NHS body, to any relevant health service provider, the County Council, the Executive or relevant Executive Councillor in relation to any of the Committee's functions listed above. Such reports and recommendations to include:-*
 - (a) *an explanation of the matter reviewed or scrutinised;*
 - (b) *summary of the evidence considered;*
 - (c) *a list of participants involved in the review or scrutiny; and*
 - (d) *an explanation of any recommendations on the matter reviewed or scrutinised*
- *To liaise with Healthwatch Lincolnshire in relation to the health care element of Healthwatch Lincolnshire's work programme and to consider referrals from Healthwatch Lincolnshire in relation to health care.*

In effect Lincolnshire County Council has delegated all its health scrutiny functions to the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire.

Other Scrutiny Committees

It should be noted that the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is responsible for the scrutiny of the County Council's public health function. As part of this remit, the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee will receive performance and budgetary reports from Adult Care and Community Wellbeing. However, the Health Scrutiny Committee may take an overview of public health, particularly where the delivery of public health activities is undertaken by NHS organisations. Similarly, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee will continue to take an overview of children's health services, and is expected to take the lead on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services; and school nursing and health visiting services.

The terms of reference of the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee recognise its role as the lead committee for the consideration of the Better Care Fund, and generally for other initiatives that support integration of health and care. However, this does not preclude this Committee from consideration of such topics.

Role of the Lincolnshire Healthwatch

In accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2012, local healthwatches are independent organisations, with the aim of giving residents and communities a stronger voice to influence and challenge how health and social care services are provided within their locality.

Lincolnshire Healthwatch has a place on both the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Lincolnshire Healthwatch also has a place on the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire. This will assist liaison between the Committee and Lincolnshire Healthwatch and help to avoid duplication.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) are covered by another report on this agenda. The Committee is requested to consider how the JSNA and JHWS are reflected in the Committee's work programme.

2. Conclusion

The Committee is invited to develop an understanding of its role.

3. Consultation

This is not a consultation item.

4. Appendices – None

5. Background Papers - No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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