

Health Scrutiny Sub Committee (of the People Scrutiny Commission)

Terms of Reference

Overview

The role of this Commission is to undertake the scrutiny of local Health Service provision in accordance with Section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001, the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

Functions

1. To review and scrutinise any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of the health service in its area.
2. To review and scrutinise any proposal for the substantial development or substantial variation of the Health Service as referred by a local NHS commissioner or provider under its statutory obligation to consult with the Council. To consider and assess impact assessments from such bodies and decide whether proposals are substantial variations or developments.
3. To require the local NHS body to provide information about the proposal under consideration and where appropriate to require the attendance of a representative of the NHS body to answer such questions as appear to it to be necessary for the discharge of its function in connection with the consultation.
4. To report to the Secretary of State in writing where it is not satisfied that consultation on any proposal referred to in paragraph 2 above has been adequate in relation to the content or time allowed.
5. To report to the Secretary of State in writing in any case where it considers that the proposal referred to in paragraph 2 above would not be in the interests of the health service in the area
6. Where a matter is referred to it by Healthwatch to consider whether to exercise any powers in relation to the matter, taking into account information supplied by Healthwatch.
7. To scrutinise matters relating to the health of the authority's population and contribute to the development of policy to improve health and reduce health inequalities.
8. To review and scrutinise the impact of the authority's own services and key partnerships on the health of its population.

9. Review and scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken in connection with the discharge of any functions which are the responsibility of the Mayor/Executive, functions which are not the responsibility of the Executive, and functions which are the responsibility of any other bodies the Council is authorised to scrutinise.
10. In relation to the above functions:
 - a) To make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council, Executive of the Council, any joint committee, NHS bodies or any relevant partner authority as appropriate
 - b) To consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants
11. To report on an annual basis to the People Scrutiny Commission on progress against the work programme and any recommendations it makes.