

**Name of meeting: Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: 25 March 2015**

**Title of report: Monitor – The Sector Regulator for Health Services in England**

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Is it in the <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan</a> ?	No
Is it eligible for "call in" by <a href="#">Scrutiny</a> ?	No
<b>Date signed off by <u>Director</u> &amp; name</b>  Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?  Is it signed off by the Acting Assistant Director - Legal & Governance?	No – The report has been produced for information only.
Cabinet member <a href="#">portfolio</a>	Health, Well-Being & communities

**Electoral [wards](#) affected: All**

**Ward councillors consulted: N/A**

**Public or private: Public**

**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1 To provide members of the Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with the background to the discussions with Monitor.

**2. Key Points**

- 2.1 NHS commissioners and providers are currently facing significant financial and operational pressures. In addition the NHS faces an increasing demand from an ageing population and an expectation to continue to provide good quality care and respond to rising patient expectations.

- 2.2 Locally, the Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust (CHFT) has revealed plans to make significant savings to its budget over the next two years in an attempt to address a deterioration in its finances.
- 2.3 Monitor is the sector regulator for health services in England and its responsibilities include making sure that independent foundation trusts are well-led so that they can provide quality care on a sustainable basis and essential services are maintained should a provider get into serious difficulties.
- 2.4 In light of the challenges currently facing CHFT Monitor is working with the Trust to investigate options to address the financial problems while ensuring that the quality and safety of care is maintained.
- 2.5 Representatives from Monitor will be in attendance to brief the Joint Committee on:
- The support it is providing to CHFT to address its financial challenges.
  - The context to CHFT's position in comparison to other NHS foundation trusts.
  - Monitor's views on CHFT's current position
  - The timescale for its regulatory requirements
- 2.6 The attached information provides some additional background to Monitor to help inform the discussions.
- 3. Implications for the Council**  
This is a report for information.
- 4. Consultees and their opinions**  
Not applicable
- 5. Next steps**  
That the Joint Committee takes account of the information presented and considers the next steps it wishes to take.
- 6. Officer recommendations and reasons**  
That the Joint Committee considers the information provided and determines if any further information or action is required.
- 7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation**  
Not applicable
- 8. Contact officer and relevant papers**  
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- 9. Assistant Director responsible**  
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