

CALDERDALE AND KIRKLEES JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 provide for local NHS bodies to consult with the appropriate health scrutiny committee where there are any proposed substantial developments or variations in the provisions of the health service in the area(s) of a local authority.

Under the legislation health officers from NHS bodies are required to attend committee meetings; provide information about the planning, provisions and operation of health services; and must consult with the health scrutiny committee on any proposed substantial developments or variations in the provision of the health service.

Where proposals to change health services cross local authority boundaries there is a requirement to establish a joint health committee. In Yorkshire and the Humber, a protocol has been established between the 15 upper tier local authorities for establishing a joint health scrutiny committee where proposed changes affect more than one local authority area.

Over the past two years work has been undertaken on a strategic review that has looked at the way that health and social care in Calderdale and Kirklees is delivered. This has resulted in the publication of the Greater Huddersfield and Calderdale Strategic Outline Case (SOC) which presented the case for changing the way NHS community and hospital services are provided.

Health scrutiny members from both Calderdale and Kirklees have considered the implications of the SOC and members from both authorities have concluded that should the options outlined in the document be developed into formal proposals they would constitute a substantial development and variation to health service.

This joint committee has therefore been established to respond to any proposals that may emerge from the strategic review and impact on the residents of Calderdale and Kirklees.

The Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has the following roles and functions:

- To scrutinise any proposed service configuration and its impact on patients and the public.
- To require the commissioners (Calderdale Clinical Commissioning Group and Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group) to provide information about any proposed hospital and community based service configuration and where appropriate to require the attendance of representatives from relevant organisations to answer such questions as reasonably required.
- To prepare a report for the Calderdale and Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG's) and participating local authorities, setting out the

matter reviewed; a summary of the evidence considered; a list of the participants involved; and an explanation of any recommendations on any service configuration.

- To receive from the CCG's their formal response to the report and to determine whether any concerns expressed by the Committee have been addressed.
- To take reasonable steps to reach agreement if the CCG's disagree with any of the Committee's concerns or recommendations.
- To report to the Secretary of State in writing if it is not satisfied that the consultation with the Committee on the proposals has been adequate in relation to the content or time allowed.
- To report to the Secretary of State in writing if it considers that the proposals are not in the interests of the health service in Calderdale and Kirklees.

The Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will consider the likely implications across Calderdale and Kirklees (Greater Huddersfield). This will include consideration of the:

- Projected improvements in patient outcomes;
- Likely impact on patients and their families, in particular in terms of access to services and travel times;
- Views of local people and of local service users and/or their representatives;
- Potential impact on the local health economy; the local economy in general; and any financial implications.
- Any other pertinent matters that arise as part of the Committee's review.

In addition where it is deemed appropriate the Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will seek independent advice to help support and inform its work.