

Scrutiny Board (Health)¹

Terms of Reference

1. To review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in relation to:
 - arrangements made by local NHS bodies² and the authority to secure hospital and community health and health related services to the inhabitants of the authority's area;
 - the provision of such services to those inhabitants;
 - the provision of family health services (Primary Care Trust), personal medical services personal dental services, pharmacy and NHS ophthalmic services;
 - the public health arrangements in the area including arrangements by local NHS bodies for the surveillance of, and response to, outbreaks of communicable disease or the provision of specialist health promotion services;
 - the planning of health and health related services by local NHS bodies and the authority, including plans made in co-operation with partners for setting out a strategy for improving both the health of the local population and the provision of health care to that population;
 - the arrangements made by local NHS bodies and the authority for consulting and involving patients and the public under the duty placed on them by Section 11 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001;
 - any proposals for a substantial development or variation of health services within the authority's area.
2. To consider such proposals as are referred to it by local NHS bodies and the authority and to report back the result of its considerations to the referring body and others as appropriate.
3. To review how and to what effect health policy is being implemented, and health improvement achieved, by the authority and local NHS bodies and to make reports and recommendations as appropriate.
4. To receive representations from Area Committees or relevant groups of interest and to report to the authority and local NHS Bodies as appropriate.
5. In relation to matters in respect of which a local NHS body consults more than one scrutiny committee within its area, or in relation to matters which a number of West Yorkshire Metropolitan Councils elect to jointly scrutinise a function or service provided by the NHS body, to:
 - (i) nominate Members to a joint committee, such nominations to reflect the political balance of the Board;
 - (ii) delegate its scrutiny functions to another local authority.

¹ Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 as amended.

² In Leeds this means the Primary Care Trust (NHS Leeds), the Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, the Leeds Partnership Foundation Trust and NHS Yorkshire and the Humber