

DRAFT Way of Working Document for Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Health and Social Care Act (2012) sets out the roles of these Committees between but it is to be determined locally how the relationship between Committees will work in practice. Public sector organisations are in the process of unprecedented change and financial challenge. This makes it even more important that the roles and responsibilities of the different organisations and structures are clear and their work is co-ordinated.

Roles and Responsibilities

The Health and Wellbeing Board and accompanying Health and Wellbeing Strategy will strengthen democratic legitimacy and ensure that commissioning is joined up across the NHS, Social Care and public health. The Board will also have a lead role in public involvement.

The Local Authorities HOSC will strengthen local democratic legitimacy in NHS and public health services through the scrutiny of the planning, delivery, and reconfiguration of health services , helping to ensure that the interests of patients and the public are at the heart of these services. This will include scrutiny of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Work Programme Planning

Each Committee will determine its own work programme. The Scrutiny Committee's work programme planning cycle is based on the municipal year. The process for putting forward suggestions for issues for the Scrutiny work programme is set out in the Scrutiny Handbook. The Health and Wellbeing Board will have the opportunity to make suggestions and the Scrutiny Management Board will refer this to the relevant Scrutiny Committee to determine if the matter will be included in the work programme. That Scrutiny Handbook also sets out the process to make a Scrutiny Suggestion during the municipal year. The Committee may plan the work programme over a two year cycle. Where an issues is put forward as a suggestion for the Scrutiny Committee to investigate this will cross referenced with the Health and Wellbeing Board priorities and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Priorities. If the issue is already the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board or another partnership the Scrutiny Committee will consider if there is an overriding reason why this issue should also come to Scrutiny. If there is no overriding reason Members of the Scrutiny Committee may refer specific matters of concern to request the partner / partnership Board to incorporate this in their work on the issue. Scrutiny may in the future hold the Health and Wellbeing Board to account regarding the outcomes of

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this work. Where there is an overriding reason that an issue should also come to the Scrutiny Committee, consideration will be given to the timing of the scrutiny work and the resource implications for all the organisations involved.