



Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

Amendments to Committee's Terms of Reference

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Policy context:

To amend the Committee's terms of reference to reflect recent changes to Health Service structures and other associated issues.

Financial summary:

The work of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be covered by the previously agreed charging scheme between the boroughs. There are no financial implications to the proposed amendments of the terms of reference.

SUMMARY

This report seeks agreement of the Committee to some changes to its terms of reference in order to more accurately reflect the environment in which its scrutiny powers are operating.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee agree the revised terms of reference as shown in the appendix to the report.

REPORT DETAIL

Shown in the appendix is a draft of the Committee's terms of reference. This includes some suggested revisions to reflect new legislative requirements and the recent changes that have been implemented in Health Service structures. For example, the terms of reference now reflect the responsibilities (and the scrutiny powers of the Committee) over local Clinical Commissioning Groups as opposed to the former Primary Care Trusts which have now ceased operation.

The proposed terms of reference also reflect the role on the Committee of the local Healthwatch organisations as opposed to the former Local Involvement Networks.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

None.

Legal implications and risks:

The proposed terms of reference seek to more accurately reflect the current legislative environment in which the Committee operates.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None.

Equalities implications and risks:

None although one outcome of effective health scrutiny will be to reduce health inequalities for Outer North East London residents.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS
AND APPENDICES**

No background papers.

Appendix – Proposed revised terms of reference.