

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Board

Terms of Reference

As set out in the Scrutiny Procedure Rules contained in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution to scrutinise recommendations, consider referrals under the Call for Action process, and contribute to decision making and policy development through pre-decision scrutiny processes in relation to the following matters:-

- (1) services for older and vulnerable adults;
- (2) local safeguarding arrangements for adults;
- (3) whole life services for people with disabilities and/or learning disabilities;
- (4) mental health services;
- (5) dementia services;
- (6) Public Health;
- (7) the activities of NHS Trusts, Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS England, Health and Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch;
- (8) the Better Care Fund;

In relation to the council's relevant regulations and directions made under the Health and Social Care Act 2001; all functions of the Council contained in the National Health Service Act 2006; the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002; the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and related regulations the Board will;

- (a) make reports and recommendations to relevant NHS bodies, relevant health service providers and commissioners, the Secretary of State or Regulators;
- (b) be responsible for initiating the response to any formal consultation undertaken by relevant NHS Trusts and CCGs or other health providers or commissioners on any substantial development or variation in services;
- (c) participate with other relevant neighbouring local authorities in any joint scrutiny arrangements of NHS Trusts providing cross-border services;

- (d) refer a proposed substantial variation in service delivery to the Secretary of State, subject to the agreement of the Chair of the Scrutiny Board who will hold the power of veto in respect of any proposed referral of a substantial variation to the Secretary of State.
- (e) review and scrutinise the decisions made or actions of the Health and Wellbeing Board.