

North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

CONSTITUTION

Membership

One nominated voting member from each Council participating in the North West London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC), plus one alternate member who can vote
The committee will require at least six members in attendance to be quorate.

Chair and Vice Chair

The JHOSC will elect its own chair and vice chair.

Elections will take place on an annual basis each May, or as soon as practical thereafter, such as to allow for any annual changes to the committee's membership. The current chair will remain as chair until the next election, in June 2014 (after the 2014 Local Government elections) or as soon as practical thereafter.

Duration

The JHOSC will continue until March 2018, to match the planned implementation timeframe for the Shaping a Healthier Future programme. During this period, the committee will also hold an annual review in May each year, or as soon as practical thereafter, where it will consider and decide whether there is a need for the JHOSC to continue or whether it has fulfilled its remit and should terminate earlier than 2018. This does not preclude individual local authorities from leaving the JHOSC before this date. Should there be any proposals for a JHOSC beyond this date, this would need to be considered by each participating authority in line with its own constitution and policies.

Terms of Reference

The JHOSC will perform the following functions:

1. To scrutinise the 'Shaping a Healthier Future' reconfiguration of health services in North West London; in particular the implementation plans and actions by the North West London Collaboration of Clinical Commissioning Groups (NWL CCGs), focussing on aspects affecting the whole of North West London.
2. To review and scrutinise decisions made or actions taken by NWL CCGs and/or other NHS service providers, in relation to the 'Shaping a Healthier Future' reconfiguration, where appropriate.

3. To make recommendations to NWL CCGs, NHS England, or any other appropriate outside body in relation to the 'Shaping a Healthier Future' plans for North West London; and to monitor the outcomes of these recommendations where appropriate.
4. To require the provision of information from, and attendance before the committee by, any such person or organisation under a statutory duty to comply with the scrutiny function of health services in North West London.

The stated purpose of the JHOSC is to consider issues arising as a result of the Shaping a Healthier Future reconfiguration of health services, taking a wider view across North West London than might normally be taken by individual Local Authorities. Individual local authority members of the JHOSC will continue their own scrutiny of health services in, or affecting, their individual areas (including those under 'Shaping a Healthier Future'). Participation in the JHOSC will not preclude any scrutiny or right of response by individual boroughs.

In particular, and for the sake of clarity, this joint committee is not appointed for and nor does it have delegated to it any of the functions or powers of the local authorities, either individually or jointly, under Section 23 of the local authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.