

**COUNCIL
5 DECEMBER 2019**

JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Heather Scott, Leader

Responsible Director - Paul Wildsmith, Managing Director

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the establishment and appointment of Members to a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with Durham County Council, to consider the proposed changes to County Durham and Darlington Stroke Rehabilitation Services and General Inpatient Rehabilitation Services (Ward 6) at Bishop Auckland Hospital.

Summary

2. The three NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in County Durham and Darlington (NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG (DDES), Darlington CCG and North Durham CCG) have launched two public consultations to ask local people to share their views and ideas on Stroke Rehabilitation Services and Inpatient Rehabilitation (Ward 6) at Bishop Auckland Hospital.
3. As the proposals are believed to be of 'significant development or substantial variation' in NHS Services, the establishment of a Joint Health Scrutiny is required, in order to provide a formal response to those consultations.
4. This Council's representation on the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee would consist of four Members (two Conservative and two Labour Group Members) from this Council's Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Recommendation

5. It is recommended :-
 - (a) That, as the proposals relating to the changes to County Durham and Darlington Stroke Rehabilitation Services and General Inpatient Rehabilitation Services (Ward 6) at Bishop Auckland Hospital, are regarded as significant, the establishment of a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, be supported.
 - (b) That the Conservative and Labour Group be requested to nominate two Members each, from their membership of the Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, to sit on the Joint Committee.

Reasons

6. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-
- (a) To ensure that this Council can participate in the review of proposals for the County Durham and Darlington Stroke Rehabilitation Services and General Impatient Rehabilitation Services (Ward 6) at Bishop Auckland Hospital
 - (b) To ensure that this Council is represented on the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder.
Health and Well Being	This report has implications on those residents who access these services.
Carbon Emissions	There are no direct implications to Carbon Emissions which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no direct implications to Diversity which this report needs to address.
Wards Affected	There is no direct impact on any individual Ward
Groups Affected	There are no Groups affected.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not an Executive decision
Urgent Decision	This is not an Executive decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There are no links.
Efficiency	There are no efficiency proposals identified as part of this review.
Impact of Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report does not impact on Looked After Children

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

7. The three NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups in County Durham and Darlington (NHS Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG (DDES), Darlington CCG and North Durham CCG) have launched two public consultations to ask local people to share their views and ideas on Stroke Rehabilitation Services and Inpatient Rehabilitation (Ward 6) at Bishop Auckland Hospital. The proposals affect the population covered by the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust.
8. As the proposals are believed to be of 'significant development or substantial variation' in NHS services, the establishment of a Joint Health Scrutiny with Durham County Council is required, in order to provide a formal response to those consultations.
9. This Joint Committee, if agreed, will be established in accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Well Being Boards and Public Health) Regulations 2013, for the purposes of formal consultation by the relevant NHS Bodies.
10. The Joint Committee will be politically balanced and will consist of Members from both this Council and Durham County Council who sit on their respective Health Scrutiny Committees.

Terms of Reference

11. A draft terms of reference for the Joint Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix 1.

Outcome of Consultation

12. No formal consultation has been undertaken on the content of this report other than with the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition Group in respect of their nominees to sit on the Joint Committee.