



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - 16 NOVEMBER 2017

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD, THE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND HEALTHWATCH LEICESTERSHIRE

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval of the protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch Leicestershire.

Recommendation

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to approve the protocol.

Background

3. The protocol is attached as Appendix A to this report. It sets out the roles of the bodies involved and the relationship between them. It includes a number of working principles and two practical examples of how the three bodies will work together to improve outcomes for the people of Leicestershire.

Existing Framework/ Previous Decisions

4. The protocol was originally agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch in September 2013. It has been revised in the light of experience and recent changes such as the introduction of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)
5. The protocol was agreed by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 6th September. Healthwatch Leicestershire also support the revised protocol.

Equalities and Human Rights Implications

6. The Health and Wellbeing Board, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch Leicestershire all share an interest in

ensuring that there are effective arrangements in place so that the services provided meet the identified needs of local people.

7. The Healthwatch Leicestershire contract states the need for it to meet its obligations under the equalities act 2010 and stresses the importance of equalities representation in all aspects of its work as well as a strong focus on supporting hard to reach groups and communities. The protocol will enable the views of these communities to be fed into consideration of issues at both the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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List of Appendices

Appendix A – Protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch Leicestershire.