



## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - 5 SEPTEMBER 2013**

### **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.

##### **Background**

2. 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**

3. The protocol has been considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board Steering Group and the Healthwatch Leicestershire Interim Leadership Group. Comments from both bodies have been incorporated into the final version.
4. The protocol will be considered by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> September. Any comments made by the Health and Wellbeing Board will be reported to the Scrutiny Committee.

##### **Equal Opportunities Implications**

5. 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.
6. 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.

### **Recommendation**

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

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### **List of Appendices**

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