

Meeting: Adult Social Care, Health & Wellbeing Sub-committee

Date: 6 June 2019

Title: Regional Health Scrutiny Arrangements

Author: Democratic Services

Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to inform members of proposed changes to current regional health scrutiny arrangements.

2. Recommendations

The Sub-committee is recommended to note the report.

3. Details

Background

3.1 Regional health scrutiny arrangements have been in place for a number of years, comprising:

- Two Overview and Scrutiny Committee's which were originally set up in 2017 to scrutinise the STP (now ICS) – one in the North (covering LAs in Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham) and the other in the south covering South Durham, LAs in Tees Valley and N. Yorks.
- The North East Regional Health Joint OSC. This OSC meets a couple of times a year and covers all 12 LAs in NE but not Cumbria and was set up to consider any substantial variations and developments affecting the region and provide the opportunity for the LAs to carry out any policy reviews they considered would be beneficial to progress across the region.
- In addition, there is also a Tees Valley Joint Health OSC which considers health issues affecting the local authority areas in the Tees Valley area and Darlington.

3.2 Following a review by officers across the North East region, it is proposed that some changes are made to these arrangements as set out in the attached note. The changes in relation to North Tyneside are:

- Amending, as necessary, the remits of the two “STP” Overview and Scrutiny Committees in the North and the South to include scrutiny of ICS and relevant ICPs and organisational arrangements as appropriate.
- That the NE Joint Health OSC is put into abeyance so that should there be a time when there is a need for the 12 NE LAs to come together to scrutinise a health issue then we would already have a structure in place to allow this.
- To work across the 12 authorities to facilitate further changes if it becomes clear that the above is no longer appropriate.

3.3 The following representatives of North Tyneside have been appointed to the STP Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2019-20:

1. Councillor T Mulvenna
2. Councillor K Clark
3. Councillor J Mole

Substitutes:

1. Councillor T Brady
2. Councillor E Parker-Leonard
3. Councillor J Kirwin

3.4 The proposed dates of these meetings are:

- 17 June 2019 at either 1.30pm or 2pm
- 23 Sept 2019 at either 1.30pm or 2pm
- 25 Nov 2019 at either 1.30pm or 2pm
- 20 Jan 2019 at either 1.30pm or 2pm
- 23 March 2019 at either 1.30pm or 2pm

3.5 It is expected that the work programme for this joint committee will include:

- Development of ICS
- Acute Services
- Workforce
- Communication and Engagement

3.6 Members who attend the Joint sub-committee meetings will provide regular updates to the ASCHWB Sub-committee.

4. Appendices

Appendix 1. Note setting out revised arrangements for regional health scrutiny.