

Draft Terms of Reference

East Sussex Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Ø To scrutinise matters relating to the health of the East Sussex community and contribute to the development of policy to improve health and reduce health inequalities in the County.

Ø To make reports and recommendations to local NHS bodies, patients' representatives, the Council, the Cabinet and other scrutiny committees, and to other relevant bodies and individuals on matters affecting the health of people in East Sussex.

Ø To respond to consultation by any local NHS body with reference to any proposal for a substantial development of the health service in the area of East Sussex or for a substantial variation in the provision of such service excluding pilot schemes (within the meaning of Section 4 of the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997 and urgent proposals as defined in Regulation 4(3) of the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions (Regulations 2002) and to make comments by the due date specified by the local NHS body referring the matter.

Ø To report to the NHS body(s) or to the Secretary of State in writing in any case where the Committee is not satisfied that:

a. consultation on any proposal has been adequate in relation to content or time allowed or;

b. that the reasons given by the local NHS body for failing to consult because of urgency are not adequate.

Ø To report to the Secretary of State in writing on any such proposals as are referred to above which it considers would not be in the interests of the health service in the area of East Sussex.

Ø To evaluate and review the effectiveness of its recommendations in improving the health services for the people of East Sussex.

Ø To undertake all the statutory functions of the scrutiny committee in accordance with section 7 and regulations under that section, of the Health and Social Care Act 2001, relating to reviewing and scrutinising health service matters.

Ø To encourage the County Council as a whole, its Cabinet and other scrutiny committees, District and Borough Councils and Cabinets, to take into account the implications of their policies and activities on health, and health inequalities.

Ø In all of the above, to seek and take account of views of the local population.

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