

**The North West London
Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

Terms of Reference

1. Membership

Membership of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) is one nominated voting member from each participating council, plus one other nominated member to whom the vote can be transferred (on the basis of that member being an elected member of the council they are representing).

Alternatively, a Borough can nominate one voting member only. A substitute member can be nominated by the Borough. The vote can also be transferred to the substitute member where he or she is an elected member of the council and the voting member is unavailable.

The JHOSC consists of the following authorities:

- London Borough of Brent
- London Borough of Ealing
- London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
- London Borough of Harrow
- London Borough of Hounslow
- Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
- London Borough of Richmond
- City of Westminster

2. Quorum

The committee will require at least six members in attendance to be quorate.

3. Chair and Vice Chair

The JHOSC will elect its own chair and vice chair. Elections will take place on an annual basis each May, or as soon as practical thereafter, such as to allow for any annual changes to the committee's membership.

The Chair and Vice Chair shall not be members of the same authority or the same political party.

4. Duration

It is important the JHOSC operates on the basis of being able to contribute to the effective scrutiny of cross-borough health issues. The JHOSC should provide a forum for cross borough engagement and consultation between its member local authorities, and health service commissioners and providers. As such, it is proposed that the committee will also hold an annual review in May each year, or as soon as practical thereafter, where it will consider and decide whether there is a need for the

JHOSC to continue. This would not preclude individual local authorities from giving notice at the JHOSC annual meeting of their intention to withdraw from the JHOSC.

5. Remit of the JHOSC

The Committee's remit will be based on performing the following functions

1. To scrutinise the work of the health service commissioners and provider in North West London. Including, but not limited to:
 - a. The 'Shaping a Healthier Future' reconfiguration of health services in North West London
 - b. The North West London sustainability and transformation plan (STP)
 - c. The plans and actions by the North West London Collaboration of Clinical Commissioning Groups (NWL CCGs), focussing on aspects with cross borough implications.
2. To make recommendations to NWL CCGs, NHS England, or any other appropriate outside body in relation to the 'Shaping a Healthier Future' plans for North West London; and to monitor the outcomes of these recommendations where appropriate.
3. To require the provision of information from, and attendance before the committee by, any such person or organisation under a statutory duty to comply with the scrutiny function of health services in North West London.

The stated purpose of the JHOSC is to consider issues with cross-borough implications, taking a wider view across North West London than might normally be taken by individual Local Authorities.

At each annual meeting the JHOSC will develop, in consultation with the North West London Collaboration of Clinical Commissioning Groups, a work programme for the forthcoming municipal year based upon their agreed remit.

Individual local authority members of the JHOSC will continue their own scrutiny of health services in, or affecting, their individual areas (including those under 'Shaping a Healthier Future'). Participation in the JHOSC will not preclude any scrutiny or right of response by individual boroughs.

In particular, and for the sake of clarity, as the JHOSC is a discretionary joint committee is not appointed for and nor does it have delegated to it the functions or powers of the local authorities, either individually or jointly, under Section 23(9) of the local authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.

This means that in accordance with the Regulations and subsequent non-statutory guidance the power of referral to the Secretary of State is not delegated to the JHOSC but retained by individual boroughs.