



South-East London (SEL) Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)

Report title- SEL JHOSC: Revised Terms of Reference

Date: 6 July 2023

Outline and recommendations

This report asks the members of the South-East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) to discuss and agree the revised Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Committee.

The Committee is asked to:

- Discuss and agree the revised Terms of Reference (ToR) for the JHOSC.

1. Summary

- 1.1. The Health and Care Act 2022 put the ICS on a statutory footing from 1 July 2022, making them responsible for planning and funding health and care services in the area they cover.
- 1.2. Following that, the ToR for the JHOSC have been revised to allow the committee to look at discretionary cross-borough strategic health matters, as well as mandatory cross-borough substantial reconfiguration proposals.
- 1.3. This report asks members to discuss and agree the revised ToR for JHOSC.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to:
 - Discuss and agree the revised Terms of Reference (ToR) for the JHOSC.

3. Background

- 3.1. After the Health and Care Act 2022 put the Integrated Care Systems on a statutory footing, the ICS took on the NHS planning functions previously held by former clinical commissioning groups and services are now being planned and designated at a South-East London level. The revised ToR have been drafted to reflect these NHS contextual changes.
- 3.2. There are two key types of Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees- discretionary and mandatory.
- 3.3. The ToR retain the ability for the Committee to meet to consider and respond to proposals for substantial reconfigurations that affect the entire ICS area. In this case the JHOSC acts as a mandatory committee.
- 3.4. The ToR also allow for greater scrutiny of wider, system level issues that relate to the planning, provision and operations of health services across the ICS. In this case the JHOSC acts as a discretionary committee.

4. Chair and Vice-Chair of the JHOSC

- 4.1. The Committee will appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair at its first meeting of the municipal year and the ToR set-out that the Chair & Vice-Chair should be members of different participating authorities.
- 4.2. The ToR also recommend that the Chair and Vice-Chair be re-appointed at the first meeting of every new municipal year.

5. Formal and Informal JHOSC meetings

- 5.1. It is suggested that the JHOSC should hold two formal meetings in a municipal year with capacity for more should substantial reconfiguration proposals arise. Apart from these formal meetings, the JHOSC may also hold informal meetings to set work programme items and consider information briefings from the NHS or other partners.
- 5.2. The formal meetings of the JHOSC will be hosted amongst the participating authorities on a rotational basis. The ToR state that the administrative and research support for these meetings will be provided by the scrutiny teams of the 6 boroughs working together.

6. Financial implications

- 6.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. Legal implications

- 7.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Individual local authorities may have specific constitutional practices to follow in relation to the revised terms of reference.

8. Equalities implications

- 8.1. The Equality Act 2010 brought together all previous equality legislation in England, Scotland and Wales. The Act included a new public sector equality duty, replacing the separate duties relating to race, disability and gender equality. The duty came into force on 6 April 2011. It covers the following nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.2. There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

9. Climate change and environmental implications

- 9.1. There are no direct climate change or environmental implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

10. Crime and disorder implications

- 10.1. There are no direct crime and disorder implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

11. Health and wellbeing implications

- 11.1. There are no direct health and wellbeing implications arising from the implementation of the recommendations in this report.

12. Appendices

- 12.1. Appendix A- SEL JHOSC Terms of Reference July 2023

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