

Scrutiny Review Proposal – Form A

This form should be completed by sponsoring member(s) or officers when proposing an item for consideration with the work programme of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The relevant overview and scrutiny committee reserves the right to reject suggestions or suggest alternative means for resolving the issues raised.

Proposer's name and title	Cllr Bob Purser	Date	22 nd November 2023
Proposed topic title	<i>Relationship between Northampton Hospitals and West Northants Council in the light of recent NHS management arrangement changes.</i>		
Background and reason for including the item in the Committee's work programme	<p><i>A new joint Chief Executive has been appointed across both UHN (University Hospitals Northampton – Northampton and Kettering general) and UHL (university hospitals Leicestershire).</i></p> <p><i>While collaboration within health and between areas is always welcome the close working relationships and leadership links between our own hospitals and social care is vital to our resident's wellbeing and especially during winter when we face the most significant demand challenges.</i></p> <p><i>Would Scrutiny consider seeking clarification from the new CEO as to how the arrangements will work, the aims of the new arrangements and how we can be sure that our residents will be best served by the changes despite the wider remit of the CEO and the risk that decisions could now be made further away from the people that they effect.</i></p>		
Link to the Council's Corporate Priorities	<p><i>Priority 3: Improved Life Chances – reduced hospital stays and delays</i></p> <p><i>Please explain how the proposal will help contribute to the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities: Corporate Plan West Northamptonshire Council (westnorthants.gov.uk)</i></p>		
Key objectives	<p><i>To ensure that we retain ongoing effective coordination, collaboration, and communication between West Northants Council and Northampton General Hospital in a way that achieved the best outcomes for our residents and clarity on how governance and leadership will support local decisions despite the wider alliance.</i></p>		

	<i>Please keep to SMART objectives (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Timely).</i>
Measure of effectiveness	<p><i>Ensuring timely information about named individuals, their roles and responsibilities.</i></p> <p><i>Shared understanding of the objectives of the new arrangements and how the governance will work to ensure that we improve local patient outcomes and have clear line of sight on accountability</i></p>
Spotlight or Full Review	<i>I would suggest once pre-meeting and a single hearing. This could be undertaken swiftly by a task and finish group.</i>

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Note: This form should be reviewed by the Monitoring Officer prior to being presented to the relevant overview and scrutiny committee for consideration.