

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
Date:	5 March 2024
Title:	Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – Frimley
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Purpose of this Report

1. To review draft terms of reference for a Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee in relation to the proposed new Frimley Park Hospital prior to approval by full Council.
2. Representatives of Frimley ICB and Frimley Park NHS FT will be attending the HASC meeting to provide an overview of the new hospital project.

Recommendation

That the Terms of Reference for the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Frimley appended to the report be NOTED.

Background

3. As noted in the report from Frimley ICB, initial discussions were commenced in November 2023 with the three authorities believed to be the most affected by the new hospital proposals and who would go on to make up the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
4. Those early discussions indicated that:
 - a. The plan is to open a new facility by 2030
 - b. The existing Frimley Park site was not suitable
 - c. The new hospital would constitute a substantial development for the purposes of the 2013 regulations
 - d. There was a desire to consult and engage with affected local authorities and communities
 - e. The identification of a potential new site (or sites) was the most immediate priority

5. The terms of reference for the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee will require approval of each participating local authority before it can start to act on their behalf. Each authority will need to make its nominations thereto.
6. Nominations can if required be effected on HCC's behalf via an Officer Decision on grounds of urgency, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council and Chairman of the HASC.
7. The draft terms of reference set out the proposed composition of the Joint Committee from each constituent local authority, which is based on the proportions of patients from within each area using Frimley Park hospital. As shown, there would be four councillors representing Hampshire County Council, four from Surrey and two from Bracknell Forest. The proportionality rules apply to these matters.

Scrutiny Powers

8. The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
9. The regulations provide that where a Responsible Person (a health care provider) consults more than one local authority on a substantial development of the health service, those local authorities must appoint a joint overview and scrutiny committee for the purposes of the consultation.

Finance

10. There are no significant financial implications.

Performance

11. There are no significant implications for performance.

Consultation and Equalities

12. Details of any consultation and equalities considerations will be covered within the consultation provided by the NHS in the course of the consultation.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

13. There are not thought to be any climate change impacts arising from this report.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	No
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	No

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> none	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u> The Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations	<u>Date</u> 2013

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

The report does not make any proposals which will impact on groups with protected characteristics.