

## **Scrutiny review scoping proposal**

### **1 What is the review?**

Partnership Southwark and the Integrated Care System (ICS)

### **2 What outcomes could realistically be achieved? Which agency does the review seek to influence?**

- Clarity on the role and remit of Partnership Southwark , relationship with South East London Integrated Care System and Boards (SEL ICS/B) , the membership, sub groups and any key pieces of work.
- Establish how scrutiny can add value to Southwark Partnership's work and vice versa.
- Develop shared understanding, principles, protocols and good practice in order to better govern the working relationship between scrutiny and Partnership Southwark- particularly between the key partners: the NHS and Social Care.

### **3 When should the review be carried out/completed?i.e. does the review need to take place before/after a certain time?**

Completed by 2023

### **4 What format would suit this review? (eg full investigation, q&a with executive member/partners, public meeting, one-off session)**

The review will take the form of a topic with written outcomes being updated protocols .

### **5 What are some of the key issues that you would like the review to look at?**

There will be a newly constituted South East London Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (SEL JHOSC) scrutinising health proposals from the ICS. The boroughs that comprise the South East London area (Southwark, Lambeth, Lewisham, Greenwich, Bexley, and Bromley) are devising a new terms of reference for the JHOSC, which will take over from the previous long standing Our Healthier South East London JHOSC, which previously covered the SEL ICS area. This new committee is being set up to respond to both proposals for substantial reconfigurations of Health Services in South East London, as well as other health issues that cross more than one borough, subject to member

agreement and formal approval by respective boroughs.

Updates from government and the Centre for on Regulations governing ICS and health scrutiny.

In advance of the statutory guidance on the Secretary of State's new powers in relation to service reconfigurations, this document sets out the expectations of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) on how integrated care boards (ICBs), integrated care partnerships (ICPs) and local authority health overview and scrutiny committee (HOSC) arrangements will work together to ensure that new statutory system-level bodies are locally accountable to their communities.

<file:///G:/Scrutiny/Health%20scrutiny%20guidance/health-overview-and-scrutiny-committee-principles.htm>

A CfGS blog, published September 2022 touches on health scrutiny and the anticipated changes to reconfiguration (referral to Secretary of State powers) and also mentions Joint scrutiny arrangements. This says new regulations and guidance are expected around the beginning of the new calendar year

<https://www.cfgs.org.uk/chief-executives-update-on-health-scrutiny-and-levelling-up/>

“There is a recognition that more needs to be present in Regulations and guidance to bolster scrutiny's powers, both of which are currently under development. There's also a recognition that more support needs to be given on joint committees (ie, when they might need to be convened) and transitional arrangements (substantial variations which “start” before next July but where the process straddles the old and new system).

As things stand I have asked DHSC to ensure that fresh Regs and guidance are produced by January next year at the latest, to provide an opportunity for scrutiny committees to consider them before the 2023 pre-election period and make any necessary changes to systems and processes well in advance of July.”

**6 Who would you like to receive evidence and advice from during the review?**

Partnership Southwark members

- 7 Any suggestions for background information? Are you aware of any best practice on this topic?**
- 8 What approaches could be useful for gathering evidence? What can be done outside committee meetings?**  
e.g. verbal or written submissions, site visits, mystery-shopping, service observation, meeting with stakeholders, survey, consultation event

Discussion at meetings

Attending conferences and events on the subject