

Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Protocol between Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Warwickshire LINKs

Recommendations

That the Committee agree the protocol attached as Appendix A.

Key Issues

HealthWatch is to be the new consumer champion for health and social care services that will replace Local Involvement Networks in 2012. In order to ensure that Warwickshire LINK are able to complete their work programme before this happens, the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Warwickshire LINKs Board have been asked to agree a working protocol. This is attached as Appendix A.

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This Protocol will be in place until such time as the Warwickshire LINK ceases to operate.

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PROTOCOL

- The Chair of the Adult Social Care and Health O&S Committee and the Chair of Warwickshire LINKs will hold regular informal meetings
- A nominated LINK representative will be invited to attend all Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings. Where the nominated representative is not available, a substitute will be nominated by LINK to attend for that meeting only. In accordance with the Warwickshire County Council Constitution, LINK members will not be able to vote on matters.
- LINK to formally report on their activity and their performance twice a year (once in support of their final annual report)
- All referrals from the LINK to scrutiny shall be co-ordinated through the administration arrangements for the LINK and referred via Democratic Services. Individual LINK members will not be able to make a referral without going through the LINK Host Organisation
- The Adult Social Care and Health O&S Committee and LINKs will take collective responsibility for demonstrating that they have worked collaboratively and avoided duplication.
- The Adult Social Care and Health O&S Committee will make every effort to support LINK to carry out their agreed work programme