

**REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF HR, LEGAL AND CORPORATE SERVICES**  
**TO: PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**ON: 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2019**

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**APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform members of the requirement to appoint a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Lancashire County Council, South Cumbria County Council and Blackpool Borough Council as required under The National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) confers Health Scrutiny powers on local authorities to consider reconfigurations and departures proposed by the Integrated Care System.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Members will be aware of the work of the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System which is working on the reconfiguration of health provision in the region. This reconfiguration aims to improve health outcomes for residents in the area and will lead to changes in the way that services are delivered both in hospitals and in the community.

The establishment of the Joint Committee is a requirement of the Act where a relevant Health Authority consults more than one local authority's health scrutiny function about substantial reconfiguration proposals. Regulation 30 sets out the following requirements-

- Only the Joint Committee may respond to the consultation (rather than each individual local authority responding separately)
- Only the Joint Committee may exercise the power to require the provision of information by the relevant NHS body or Health Service Provider about the proposals.
- Only joint committee's may exercise the power to require members or employees of the relevant NHS body or Health Service Provider to attend before the committee to answer questions in connection with the consultation.

The Draft terms of reference for the proposed Joint Health Scrutiny Committee have been drawn up for consideration and are attached at appendix 1. These are being presented to each of the constituent bodies that will make up the Joint Committee and the Committee are invited to consider and comment on these. The Committees comments will be forwarded to the Executive Board for consideration.

