

Local Government Association Police and Crime Panels workshop

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Local Government

Health Scrutiny Committees

- Local Government Act 2000 - created separate Executive (Cabinet) and Scrutiny functions
- Health trusts became accountable to the public through Health Scrutiny Cttees rather than through Secretary of State to Parliament

They

- Strengthen voice of local people
- Ensure needs and experiences of local people are considered - an integral part of the commissioning and delivery of health services
- Help ensure services are effective and safe

Health Scrutiny - strategic role

- Focusing on **resident outcomes**, cross-cutting issues including general health and wellbeing improvement, treatment services, and how well **health inequalities** are being **addressed**
- Appraising how well **integration** of health, public health and social care is working, including health and wellbeing boards
- Seeking information about **performance** of local services and organisations
- **Challenging and testing** information provided by commissioners and providers of health services
- Recommending how **arrangements** could be **improved**

Health Scrutiny within the wider system

- Part of the accountability of whole health and care system
- Needs involvement and clarity of all parts of system - respective roles of health scrutiny, local authority, health and wellbeing boards, local Healthwatch and NHS England etc etc
- Needs common understanding of local health and care needs and shape of services across the whole health and care system
- Can use information from local people to understand services and to question commissioners and providers about patterns and trends
- Proposals for substantial local reconfiguration – scrutiny cttees, local authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups and local NHS bodies should work together to resolve issues locally

Francis Report

Mid Staffordshire NHS Trust

new role for Health Scrutiny

- Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 - transparency measures
- Must be held in an open forum
- Allow local people to see or hear proceedings
- Local people must be allowed to attend and use communication methods such as filming and tweeting to report proceedings
- Must independently verify information provided by relevant NHS bodies and relevant health service providers – e.g. views of local Healthwatch.

New focus in Health Scrutiny

- Openness, transparency and candour throughout health care system - including a statutory duty of candour
- Fundamental standards for health care providers
- Improved support for compassionate caring and committed care
- Stronger health care leadership

When it works well

- Listening and learning from local people
- Better, more meaningful communication
- Streamlined local services
- Increased respect for local people – the solution / not the problem
- Increased resident satisfaction
- Better value for money
- Leading to ...
- Better health and wellbeing outcomes for local people

Challenges, Risks and Opportunities - for you ...

Your thoughts – working together

What next for you ...

Three things you are going to do

- **Next week**
- **In the autumn**
- **Next year**