

Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Reconfiguration of Lambeth Hospital Mental Health In-patient Services

Terms of reference

The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) is constituted in accordance with the Local Authority Public Health, Health & Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny Regulations 2013 (the “Regulations”) and Department of Health Guidance to respond to a substantial reconfiguration proposal covering more than one local authority area.

The JHOSC will scrutinise the proposal from Lambeth Clinical Commissioning Group and their provider South London and Maudsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM), to reconfigure mental health inpatient services for Lambeth, by transferring in-patient services (one psychiatric intensive care unit (PICU) and four acute wards) currently located in Lambeth Hospital to a new facility on the Maudsley Hospital site.

The JHOSC will consider the impact of proposed future service provision on the boroughs of Southwark and Lambeth and seek assurance that the proposed changes will be in the best interests of the local health service.

The relevant commissioners for this proposal are Lambeth and Southwark Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and the social care commissioners from both local authorities.

Context

The Lambeth Living Well Network Alliance are undertaking a broad scheme of service changes that will support the development of community services within Lambeth and support the transition away from acute to community based care.

This process is already underway with development of new and refurbished Living Well Centres in their late stages of approval.

Together with commissioners SLaM are therefore now exploring two options for the long-term future of acute inpatient services which currently reside on the Lambeth Hospital site:

- Option 1: Stay as we are (do nothing).
- Option 2: Transfer acute in-patient services to a new facility on the Maudsley Hospital site.

These options for consultation result from the evaluation of a long list of options including reprovision of the beds on the Lambeth Hospital site but represent those that are identified as being appropriate and achievable.

The Joint Committee's terms of reference are:

1. Subject to paragraph 2 below, to undertake all the functions of a statutory Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the Regulations and Department of Health Guidance in relation to the proposal to reconfigure mental health inpatient services for Lambeth, which are currently located at Lambeth Hospital. This includes, but is not limited to the following:
 - (a) To consider and respond to the proposals from SLaM to reconfigure mental health inpatient services for Lambeth by transferring in-patient services currently located in Lambeth Hospital to a new facility on the Maudsley Hospital site;
 - (b) To scrutinise the commissioners of the SLaM proposal and to seek assurance that the proposals for alternative service delivery are supported and that partnership arrangements between health & social care and across the boroughs are adequate;
 - (c) To scrutinise any consultation process.
2. The terms of reference do not include the power to make a report to the Secretary of State (under regulation 23(9) of the Regulations) in relation to the proposal from Commissioners and SLaM, for Lambeth and Southwark Councils. However, any individual authority may make a specific delegation to the JHOSC in relation to their own power to make such a report on their behalf. The JHOSC will undertake to go through all the necessary steps needed to enable either collective or individual councils to exercise their power to refer to the Secretary of State

Membership

Membership of the Joint Committee will be three nominated Members from each of the following local authorities:

- London Borough of Lambeth;
- London Borough of Southwark.

Members of the Joint Committee must not be an Executive Member of their authority.

Procedures

Chair and Vice-Chair

1. The Joint Committee will appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair at its first meeting. The Chair and Vice-Chair should be members of different participating authorities.

Substitutions

2. Substitutes may attend Joint Committee meetings in lieu of nominated members. Continuity of attendance throughout the review is strongly encouraged, however.

3. It will be the responsibility of individual committee members and their local authorities to arrange substitutions and to ensure that the lead authority is informed of any changes prior to the meeting.
4. Where a substitute is attending the meeting, it will be the responsibility of the nominated member to brief them in advance of the meeting

Quorum

5. The quorum of the meeting of the Joint Committee will be 3 members; with at least one member from each borough present.

Voting

6. It is hoped that the Joint Committee will be able to reach its decisions by consensus. However, in the event that a vote is required each member present will have one vote. In the event of there being an equality of votes, the Chair of the meeting will have the casting vote.

Reporting

7. On completion of the scrutiny review by the Joint Committee, it shall produce a single final report, or set of recommendations, reflecting the views of both of the local authorities involved.
8. The JHOSC may ask Commissioners and / or SLaM to respond to the report recommendations within 28 days, or over a longer period.

Meetings

9. Meetings of the Joint Committee will normally be held in public and will take place at venues within South London. The normal access to information provisions applying to meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny committees will apply. However, there may be occasions on which the Joint Committee may need to make visits outside of the formal Committee meeting setting.
10. Meetings shall last for up to two hours from the time the meeting is due to commence. The Joint Committee may resolve, by a simple majority before the expiry of two hours from the start of the meeting, to continue the meeting for a maximum further period of up to 30 minutes.

Local Overview and Scrutiny Committees

10. The Joint Committee will encourage its Members to inform their local overview and scrutiny committees of the work of the Joint Committee.
11. The Joint Committee will invite its Members to represent to the Joint Committee the views of their local overview and scrutiny committees on the Lambeth Hospital redevelopment proposal and the Joint Committee's work.

Communication

12. The Joint Committee will establish clear lines of communication between itself, the CCG, SLaM and local authorities. Lambeth Council shall be the lead authority and all formal correspondence between the Joint Committee, local authorities and the NHS on this matter will be administered by (*Christian Scade , Lambeth Council*) or (*other*) until such officer is appointed.

Representations

13. The Joint Committee will identify and invite witnesses to address the committee, invite comments from interested parties and take into account information from all the local Healthwatch organisations. It may undertake further consultation with a range of stakeholders.

Support

14. Administrative and research support will be provided by the scrutiny teams of the two boroughs working together.

Assumptions

15. The Joint Committee will be based on the following assumptions:
 - (a) That the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee is constituted to respond to Lambeth CCG and SLaM on the reconfiguration of mental health inpatient services for Lambeth proposal.
 - (b) The CCG and SLaM will permit the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee access to the outcome of any public consultation.