

Health Scrutiny Guidance

- an overview



What is Health Scrutiny?

- Statutory requirement for upper tier LA's
- Sits within People Scrutiny Committee (very wide remit)
- Committee membership / frequency
- Regulations published in 2013
- Department of Health Guidance published in June 2014
- Key points:
 - Covers LA with regard to Public Health
 - Protocols in place: People Scrutiny Cttee / CCG / Healthwatch
 - Draft protocol with HWB

Who does what?

Health and Wellbeing Board	Health Scrutiny
<p>Brings together bodies from NHS, local government, jointly to plan how best to meet local health and care needs.</p>	<p>Power to hold the Local Authority and NHS bodies to account for the health services they provide</p>
<p>Key statutory duties:</p> <p>Assess the needs of local population through JSNA;</p> <p>Sets out how these needs will be addressed through HWB Strategy;</p> <p>Promote greater integration & partnership.</p>	<p>Must be consulted by local NHS bodies when they are planning to make major changes to services.</p> <p>Can seek to influence the proposed changes.</p> <p>Can refer matter to Secretary of State.</p> <p>Can also undertake discrete reviews around specific topics & recommend improvements</p>

What are the local challenges?

- Using local scrutiny function to best;
 - add value
 - add challenge
- Encouraging debate, interaction and mutual challenge at Board meetings (Peer Review recommendation)
- Better defining the relationship between Healthwatch, Board partners and Scrutiny (Peer Review recommendation)

Opportunities for the Board?

- Develop a better understanding and agreement between Scrutiny and providers to assist health scrutiny function (in addition to protocols)?
- Develop a complimentary relationship with scrutiny enabling a partnership approach to addressing strategic challenges?
- Others?