



Meeting: **Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date/Time: **Wednesday, 5 November 2025 at 2.00 pm**

Location: **Sparkenhoe Committee Room, County Hall, Glenfield**

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Membership

Dr. S. Hill CC (Chairman)

Mr. M. Bools CC	Mr. J. McDonald CC
Mr. N. Chapman CC	Mr. J. Miah CC
Mrs. L. Danks CC	Mr. B. Piper CC
Mr. M. Durrani CC	Mr J. Poland CC
Mr. P. King CC	Mr. K. Robinson CC
Mrs. K. Knight CC	

AGENDA

<u>Item</u>	<u>Report by</u>
1. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2025.	(Pages 5 - 16)
2. Question Time.	
3. Questions asked by members under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).	
4. To advise of any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent elsewhere on the agenda.	
5. Declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.	
6. Declarations of the Party Whip in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16.	



7. Presentation of Petitions under Standing Order 36.

A petition is to be presented by Mr. J. T. Orson CC signed by over 2,000 Leicestershire residents (over 3000 signatures in total) in the following terms:

"We are a growing community in Melton Mowbray, and it is crucial to protect all our health-related services. However, the impending closure of St Mary's Birth Centre is more than just a Melton issue - it's a significant concern for the entire University of Leicester Hospitals Trust. St Mary's Birth Centre has been an invaluable facility for expectant mothers not only in Melton but also from across Leicestershire and Rutland. Many choose it for its outstanding maternity and postnatal care, characterised by a nurturing environment and exceptional professional support.

Despite the invaluable services provided by St Mary's Birth Centre, it suffers from a lack of promotion and insufficient staffing. These issues affect its ability to operate to its full potential and serve the needs of our community. Closing this centre would not only limit choice for expectant mothers across the Trust, but also place additional strain on alternative maternity services within the region, potentially compromising the quality of care, particularly postnatally.

"Better Births" a 2016 report from the National Health Service, reveals that having more birthing options leads to better health outcomes for both mothers and babies. The centralisation of maternity services often overlooks the unique benefits provided by community-focused and midwife-led centres like St Mary's.

Our goal is to urge the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust to not only re-open St Mary's Birth Centre but to revisit the decision to remove our only freestanding midwife-led unit in Leicestershire, and secure its future with adequate staffing and through promoting its services. We need to ensure that it receives the recognition and resources deserved to remain a viable option for expectant mothers now and for future generations.

Stand with us in the fight to safeguard women's choices and local services. Sign this petition now to protect and promote the exceptional care provided by St Mary's Birth Centre, ensuring it remains the gem that it is."

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| 8. | New LPT Strategy - Together We Thrive. | Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust | (Pages 17 - 22) |
| 9. | East Midlands Ambulance Service. | East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust | (Pages 23 - 28) |
| 10. | Leicestershire HIV Late Diagnosis. | Director of Public Health | (Pages 29 - 34) |
| 11. | Healthwatch Leicestershire Annual Report 2024/25. | Healthwatch | (Pages 35 - 42) |

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| 12. | Issues arising from Health Performance report that merit more detailed scrutiny. | Chief Executive,
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and ICS
Performance
Service | (Pages 43 - 96) |
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This report will not be presented. Instead, members are asked to use it to identify any areas of health performance that require more detailed scrutiny at a future meeting.

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| 13. | Noting the work programme of the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. | (Pages 97 - 98) |
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14. Dates of future meetings.

Future meetings of the Committee are scheduled to take place on the following days all at 2.00pm:

Wednesday 14 January 2026;
Wednesday 4 March 2026;
Wednesday 3 June 2026;
Wednesday 9 September 2026;
Wednesday 4 November 2026.

15. Any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent.