

**NHS SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION PLAN – CABINET, SCRUTINY,
AND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD ROLES****Purpose**

1. The purpose of this note is to set out the roles for the Cabinet, Scrutiny and Health and Wellbeing Board in responding to the consultation on the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR) NHS Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP).

Cabinet Role

2. The Cabinet will provide the formal County Council response to the consultation. This response will focus on governance, finance, integration and the impact of the STP on council services. This will prevent there being too much overlap with the scrutiny role, which is expected to focus more on the provision of health care to the local population.

Scrutiny Role

3. Health Scrutiny Committees are statutory consultees on substantial development or variation to NHS services. This duty can also be discharged by a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. As the STP is an LLR wide plan, the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, made of representatives of the three local authorities, will meet to consider and respond to the consultation. This reduces the risk of confusion that could be caused by having two responses from two County Council bodies.
5. The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee can recommend to the County Council to refer matters to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care. Reasons for a referral are that consultation is not adequate or that the changes are not in the best interests of the people in Leicestershire.

Health and Wellbeing Board Role

6. The STP guidance requires an ongoing dialogue with the Health and Wellbeing Board. However, given that the Health and Wellbeing Board comprises local NHS partners as well as the County Council, it is proposed that, at this stage, it is not necessary or appropriate to act as a consultee on the STP. It would also be difficult to come to a view on this matter given the make-up of the Board.
7. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a 'confirm and challenge' role in relation to ensuring that the STP is aligned with the priorities set out within both the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. It has a specific role in relation to Community Hospitals and Integrated Locality Teams, with the following responsibilities:-

1. Take responsibility for ensuring that the STP priorities address the key place based health and care needs of each HWB area for adults and children.
 2. Assure itself that HWB partners have adequate plans in place to deliver their required local contribution to implementing the STP.
 3. Assure itself, where specific proposals exist for service reconfiguration within their geographic area, that the case for change in terms of clinical model and patient benefit is clear and processes for securing patient and public involvement are robust.
 4. Take a lead role for one of the agreed STP new model of care transformation priorities. This would be on behalf of the whole of LLR, not just the specific HWB, and would involve more frequent review, testing and leadership for the implementation plans for that specific aspect of the STP.
 5. Agree any concerns or issues which the HWB wishes to escalate to the SLT or refer to or inform the executive of the relevant NHS body or local authority
8. The Health and Wellbeing Board should discharge this role once the consultation has completed and if the STP moves towards an implementation stage. It will be able to look at delivery plans to ensure that they are robust.