



**HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 11  
SEPTEMBER 2013**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING  
BOARD, THE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE AND HEALTHWATCH LEICESTERSHIRE**

**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval of the protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch Leicestershire.

**Background**

2. The protocol is attached as Appendix A to this report. It sets out the roles of the bodies involved and the relationship between them. It includes a number of working principles and two practical examples of how the three bodies will work together to improve outcomes for the people of Leicestershire.

**Previous Decisions**

3. The protocol was considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September. The outcome of the meeting and any comments made will be reported to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. The protocol has been considered by the Healthwatch Leicestershire Interim Leadership Group and their comments incorporated into the final version.

**Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

None.

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**Equal Opportunities Implications**

5. The Health and Wellbeing Board, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch Leicestershire all share an interest in ensuring that there are effective arrangements in place so that the services provided meet the identified needs of local people.
6. The Healthwatch Leicestershire contract states the need for it to meet its obligations under the equalities act 2010 and stresses the importance of equalities representation in all aspects of its work as well as a strong focus on supporting hard to reach groups and communities. The protocol will enable the views of these communities to be fed into consideration of issues at both the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

**List of Appendices**

Appendix A – Protocol between the Health and Wellbeing Board, Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Healthwatch Leicestershire.