

## Inner North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (INEL JOSC)

### Proposed Committee Procedure Rules

#### 1. Establishment

- 1.1. The establishment of the committee is for London boroughs: London Borough of Hackney, London Borough of Newham, London Borough of Tower Hamlets and the City of London Corporation. This is in accordance with s.245 of the NHS Act 2006 and the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Healthy Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002.

#### 2. Chair

- 2.1. The INEL JOSC will elect the Chair and Vice Chair at the first formal meeting of the INEL JOSC. The preference is the Chair and the Vice Chair will be drawn from different participating authorities.
- 2.2. Members of the Committee interested in either post will provide a written submission to the Committee support officer a week before the first meeting.
- 2.3. The written submissions will be circulated to all the Members of the INEL JOSC and at the first meeting one Member will nominate for the position of Chair / Vice Chair and a second Member will second the nomination.
- 2.4. A vote (by show of hands) will follow and the results will be collated by the supporting Officer.
- 2.5. It is assumed that in addition to Chairing the meetings of the INEL JOSC the Chair and Vice Chair will act as the member steering group for the INEL JOSC.
- 2.6. The appointments of Chair and Vice Chair will be for a period of two municipal years, following which the JOSC will again elect a Chair and Vice-chair on the basis of the provisions contained in clauses 2.1 to 2.5 above. If the INEL JOSC wishes to or is required to change the appointed Chair or Vice Chair, an agenda item should be requested supported by three of the four constituent Authorities following which the appointments will be put to a vote.

#### 3. Membership of Committee

- 3.1. London Borough of Hackney, London Borough of Newham and London Borough of Tower Hamlets will each nominate up to 3 members of the INEL JOSC. The City of London Corporation will nominate up to two members. Appointments will be until further notice. Individual boroughs may change appointees at any time

(providing they have acted in accordance with their own procedure rules) but should inform the supporting officers of any such changes.

- 3.2. Political proportionality rules apply to this Committee and each participating Borough's nomination should represent the political proportionality of their Borough.

#### **4. Co-optees**

- 4.1. If the Committee chooses it can co-opt non-voting persons as it deems appropriate to the Committee.
- 4.2. Confirmed appointments of co-optees will be for a duration as determined by the JOSC.

#### **5. Substitutions**

- 5.1. Named substitutes may attend Committee meetings in lieu of nominated members. Continuity of attendance is strongly encouraged.
- 5.2. It will be the responsibility of individual committee members and their local authorities to arrange substitutions and to ensure the supporting officer is informed of any changes prior to the meeting.
- 5.3. Where a named substitute is attending the meeting, it will be the responsibility of the nominated member to brief them in advance of the meeting.

#### **6. Quorum**

- 6.1. The quorum of a meeting of the INEL JOSC will be the presence of a member from each of three of the four participating authorities. In an instance where only three authorities choose to participate in responding to a consultation, quorum will be the presence of a member from two of the three participating authorities. Where only two authorities choose to participate in a consultation, quorum will be the presence of a member from both authorities.

#### **7. Voting**

- 7.1. Members of the INEL JOSC should endeavour to reach a consensus of views. 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.
- 7.2. Where the Committee has reviewed a topic or proposed service change and it wishes to make recommendations to a statutory health body, the Committee shall produce a single final report, agreed by consensus and reflecting the views of all the scrutiny committees involved.

## **8. INEL JOSC Role, Powers and Function**

- 8.1. The INEL JOSC can co-operate with any other Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, joint health overview and scrutiny committee or committee established by two or more local authorities within the greater London area.
- 8.2. INEL JOSC will have the same statutory scrutiny powers as an individual health overview and scrutiny committee that is:
  - § accessing information requested
  - § requiring members, officers or partners to attend and answer questions
  - § making reports or recommendations to any NHS body or unitary authority with social care responsibility.
- 8.3. Efforts will be made to avoid duplication. The individual health overview and scrutiny committees of individual authorities shall endeavour not to replicate any work undertaken by the INEL JOSC. All scrutiny statutory powers for that topic being reviewed will be transferred to the INEL JOSC.

## **9. Support**

- 9.1. The lead administrative and research support will be provided by the Health Scrutiny officer from the London Borough of Hackney with assistance as required from the officers of the participating borough.
- 9.2. Meetings of the JOSC will be rotated between participating authorities as agreed by the JOSC. The host authority for each meeting of the INEL JOSC will be responsible for arranging appropriate meeting rooms; ensuring that refreshments are available providing spare copies of agenda papers on the day of the meeting; and producing minutes of the meeting within five working days.
- 9.3. Each authority will identify a key point of contact for all arrangements and Statutory Scrutiny Officers are at all times to be kept abreast of arrangements for the JOSC.

## **10. Meetings**

- 10.1. Meetings of the INEL JOSC will be held in public unless the public is excluded by resolution under section 100a (4) Local Government Act 1972 / 2000 and will take place at venues in one of the four INEL authorities. Accessibility issues may mean that locations in the authorities main Council Office i.e. Council Chamber would be the preferred option.
- 10.2. However, there may be occasions on which the INEL JOSC may need to hold site visits outside of the formal Committee meeting setting. Arrangements for these site visits will be made by the officers

nominated to support the INEL JOSC with assistance from the officers of the borough being visited.

- 10.3. A written record of information from any site visit undertaken will be made for noting purposes for the INEL JOSC.

## **11. Agenda**

- 11.1. The agenda will be prepared by the officer supporting the INEL JOSC guided by the Chair. The officer will send, by email, the agenda to all members of the INEL JOSC, the Statutory Scrutiny Officers and their support officers.

- 11.2. It will then be the responsibility of each borough to:
- § publish official notice of the meeting
  - § put the agenda on public deposit
  - § make the agenda available on their Council website; and
  - § make copies of the agenda papers available locally to other Members and officers of that Authority and stakeholder groups as they feel appropriate.

## **12. Local Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

- 12.1. The INEL JOSC will invite participating authority's health overview and scrutiny committees and other partners to make known their views on the proposal(s) or review(s) being conducted.
- 12.2. The INEL JOSC will consider those views in making its conclusions and comments on the proposals outlined or reviews

## **13. Representations**

- 13.1. The INEL JOSC will identify and invite witnesses to address the committee and may wish to undertake consultation with a range of stakeholders. However as a general principle the committee will consider any written or verbal submissions from individual members of the public and interest groups that represent geographical areas in Inner North East London that are contained within one of the participating local authority areas.
- 13.2. The INEL JOSC will specifically request that the NHS bodies conducting consultations consider reviews undertaken by participating Borough's Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Summaries of the key points from these submissions will be appended to the INEL JOSC's final report for submission to the consulting NHS body decision making board.

**14. Timescale**

- 14.1. This Inner North East London Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (INEL JOSOC) is constituted until further notice and insofar as it continues to have the support of the constituent participating authorities. It may be dissolved upon agreement of the participating authorities.

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