

Supplementary Committee Agenda



**Epping Forest
District Council**

Appointments Panel Thursday, 14th May, 2015

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping

Time: 7.00 pm

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13. REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

(a) Outer North-East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been extremely concerned by the recent report of the Care Quality Commission on its 'inadequate' judgement of the quality of care at Whipps Cross Hospital, particularly in terms of the implications of the findings of the Commission for the healthcare requirements of the Council's residents in the south of the district.

Essex County Council has delegated its health scrutiny powers, in so far as they relate to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the outer north-east London area (and which impact on Essex residents in the west of the county who use those services), to an Outer North East London Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC). Essex County Council nominates one member to this body (County Councillor C. Pond).

Under the terms of reference of the JHOSC, this Council is also entitled to nominate one observing Member to the joint committee, although this opportunity doesn't appear to have been taken up for some years. The Council's most recently appointed representative was Councillor B. Sandler.

The JHOSC is already considering the report of the Care Quality Commission in respect of services provided at Whipps Cross Hospital and the detailed plans for improvement to be implemented by Barts Health NHS Trust. Given the Commission's unfavourable judgement of the quality of care at the hospital, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers that it would be appropriate to reinstate the appointment of a representative to the JHOSC from 2015/16.

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