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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee</b> <b>26 September 2017</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Establishing a Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:</b>	<b>Stephen Rowan, Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny</b>

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee is recommended to appoint two committee members to represent the London Borough of Croydon in the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Slam Mental Health of Older Adults with Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark.

**2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) on Slam Mental Health of Older Adults is constituted in accordance with the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013 to scrutinise all proposals covering more than one council. This report recommends that the Sub-Committee appoint two representatives to this JHSOC.

**3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The London Borough of Croydon were invited to join Lambeth, Lewisham and Southwark to scrutinize the proposals from South London and Maudsley NHS Trust and their commissioners to change the current service model of acute inpatient care provision for older adults within SLaM by designating separate inpatient wards for patients with varying mental health needs.
- 3.2 Acutely unwell older adults in the boroughs of Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark and Croydon that require admission to a mental health bed are currently being admitted to the first available bed at the current designated units regardless of their diagnosis, presentation and care needs.
- 3.3 This model of service has led to a mix of patients with different acute disorders being placed on the same ward and this can be distressing for patients. In order to improve outcomes, the trust proposes that the inpatient units be reconfigured to manage different patient groups and wards to be tailored towards the specific needs of the patients.

#### **4. ESTABLISHING JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

- 4.1 Part 4E of the Constitution outlines the powers of the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee to appoint representatives on Joint Health and Overview Scrutiny Committees.
- 4.2 Paragraph 12.3 (3) of the constitution allows the Health and Social Care Scrutiny Sub-Committee '*To nominate up to two substantive Committee Members for any JHOSC that may be established during the municipal year 2016/2017*'
- 4.3 The JHOSC will scrutinise the proposal from South London and Maudsley NHS trust (SLAM) and their commissioners to change the current service model of Place of Safety provision within SLAM.

#### **5. NOMINATIONS**

- 5.1 The Sub-Committee is required to appoint Councillor Carole Bonner and Councillor Andy Stranack to sit on the JHOSC.

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**APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:** Appendix 1 - Terms of Reference

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:** None