

Scrutiny News

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Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Outcome

The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee met on Monday, 14 January 2013 to discuss NHS Greater Manchester's updated draft consultation documents relating to *A New Health Deal for Trafford*.

The committee, which was made up of representatives from both Trafford Council and Manchester City Council, endorsed the concerns of both councils' Health Scrutiny Committees and agreed the following resolution:

"The committee agrees that in the event that NHS Greater Manchester, following the recommendations from the Trafford Strategic Programme Board, rejects the Committee's concerns, and proceeds with the proposals decided at the Programme Board's meeting of 19 December 2012, to authorise its Chair and Vice Chair to refer to the proposals to the Secretary of State as a substantial variation which is not in the interests of the health service and patients of the Borough of Trafford and the City of Manchester."

Vice Chair of the Committee, Judith Lloyd, said: "There remain significant concerns about these proposals and the impact they would have on local residents. The committee feels strongly that the reduction of accident and emergency services at Trafford General Hospital should not be implemented without proper measures in place to redirect patients. We also feel there were gaps in the consultation which did not properly allow people in both Trafford and Manchester to respond. At its meeting on Monday, the committee unanimously agreed that we must refer these proposals to the Secretary of State if NHS Greater Manchester chooses to reject our concerns."