

# Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee (JHOSC)

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Joint Appointment of a Health Scrutiny Liaison post



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## Report of the Head of Overview and Scrutiny

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### Purpose

1. To inform members of a joint appointment between Durham County Council's Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny function and County Durham Primary Care Trust (Job Description attached for information).

### Information

2. Durham County Council has agreed to contribute to a joint appointment with County Durham Primary Care Trust (CD PCT). The post holder will work two and half days a week supporting delivery of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny function and two and half days a week working with CD PCT on involvement and engagement issues.
  - The Health Scrutiny Liaison Officer will play a lead role in the development and maintenance of robust links between County Durham PCT, the local NHS and the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) of Durham County Council, continually improving and strengthening working relationships between the JHOSC, the local NHS and other key stakeholders.
  - The Health Scrutiny Liaison Officer will lead the involvement, engagement and consultative aspects of specific agreed service development projects across the PCT, ensuring robust local engagement with stakeholders to inform and influence developments and ensure that relevant statutory requirements for NHS service development are met as an absolute minimum.
  - The Health Scrutiny Liaison Officer will provide advice and support for NHS North East organisations with regard to consultative and involvement activity in relation to working closely with Overview and Scrutiny committees as part of County Durham PCT's lead role for public, carer and patient involvement across the North East.
3. The Health Scrutiny Liaison Officer will be employed by CD PCT and placed with Durham County Council's Overview and Scrutiny unit.
4. The recruitment and selection process will begin in October 2007. The Chair of the JHOSC and Head of Overview and Scrutiny will be invited to participate in the recruitment and selection process.

**Recommendation**

5. Members are asked to note the report and welcome the joint appointment.

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