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**MEETING OF THE LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND JOINT  
HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**DATE: MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2026**

**TIME: 10:00 am**

**PLACE: Meeting Room G.01, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles  
Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ**

**Members of the Committee**

**Leicester City Council**

Councillor Halford (Chair of the Committee)

Councillor Singh Sangha

Councillor Bajaj

Councillor Clarke

Councillor March

Councillor Singh Patel

Councillor Sahu

**Leicestershire County Council**

Councillor Dr Hill (Vice-Chair of the Committee)

Councillor Durrani

Councillor Poland

Councillor Morris

Councillor McDonald

Councillor Knight

Councillor King

**Rutland County Council**

Councillor Stephenson

Councillor Ross

Members of the Committee are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

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## USEFUL ACRONYMS RELATING TO LEICESTERSHIRE LEICESTER AND RUTLAND JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

| Acronym | Meaning                                                                  |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ACO     | Accountable Care Organisation                                            |
| AEDB    | Accident and Emergency Delivery Board                                    |
| AMH     | Adult Mental Health                                                      |
| AMHLD   | Adult Mental Health and Learning Disabilities                            |
| BMHU    | Bradgate Mental Health Unit                                              |
| CAMHS   | Children and Adolescents Mental Health Service                           |
| CHD     | Coronary Heart Disease                                                   |
| CMHT    | Community Mental Health Team                                             |
| CVD     | Cardiovascular Disease                                                   |
| CCG     | Clinical Commissioning Group                                             |
| LCCCG   | Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group                              |
| ELCCG   | East Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group                         |
| WLCCG   | West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group                         |
| COPD    | Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease                                    |
| CQC     | Care Quality Commission                                                  |
| CTO     | Community Treatment Order                                                |
| DTOC    | Delayed Transfers of Care                                                |
| ECMO    | Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation                                     |
| ECS     | Engaging Staffordshire Communities ( who were awarded the HWLL contract) |
| ED      | Emergency Department                                                     |
| EHC     | Emergency Hormonal Contraception                                         |
| EIRF    | Electronic, Reportable Incident Forum                                    |
| EMAS    | East Midlands Ambulance Service                                          |
| EPR     | Electronic Patient Record                                                |
| FBC     | Full Business Case                                                       |
| FYPC    | Families, Young People and Children                                      |
| GPAU    | General Practitioner Assessment Unit                                     |
| HALO    | Hospital Ambulance Liaison Officer                                       |
| HCSW    | Health Care Support Workers                                              |
| HWLL    | Healthwatch Leicester and Leicestershire                                 |

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|------|-------------------------------------------------|
| IQPR | Integrated Quality and Performance Report       |
| JSNA | Joint Strategic Needs Assessment                |
| NHSE | NHS England                                     |
| NHSI | NHS Institute for Innovation and Improvement    |
| NQB  | National Quality Board                          |
| NRT  | Nicotine Replacement Therapy                    |
| OBC  | Outline Business Case                           |
| PCEG | Patient, Carer and Experience Group             |
| PCT  | Primary Care Trust                              |
| PDSA | Plan, Do, Study, Act cycle                      |
| PEEP | Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan              |
| PICU | Paediatric Intensive Care Unit                  |
| PHOF | Public Health Outcomes Framework                |
| PSAU | Place of Safety Assessment Unit                 |
| QNIC | Quality Network for Inpatient CAHMS             |
| RIO  | Name of the electronic system used by the Trust |
| RN   | Registered Nurse                                |
| RSE  | Relationship and Sex Education                  |
| SOP  | Standard Operating Procedure.                   |
| STP  | Sustainability Transformation Partnership       |
| TASL | Thames Ambulance Service Ltd                    |
| UHL  | University Hospitals of Leicester               |
| UEC  | Urgent and Emergency Care                       |
|      |                                                 |

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **AGENDA**

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### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda.

### **3. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Appendix A  
(Pages 1 - 14)**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April have been circulated and the Committee is asked to confirm them as a correct record.

### **5. MEMBERSHIP**

Members are asked to note the membership of the committee for 2026-27 to note as follows:

City Council representatives  
Cllr Elaine Halford (Chair)  
Cllr Mohinder Singh Sangha  
Cllr Deepak Bajaj  
Cllr Adam Clarke  
Cllr Melissa March  
Cllr Devi Singh Patel  
Cllr Liz Sahu

County Council representatives  
Cllr Dr Sarah Hill (Vice Chair)  
Cllr Moinuddin Durrani  
Cllr Phil King  
Cllr Kerry Knight  
Cllr John McDonald  
Cllr Peter Morris

Cllr James Poland

Rutland County Council representatives  
Cllr Lucy Stephenson  
Cllr Ramsey Ross

## 6. TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Appendix B**  
**(Pages 15 - 22)**

The Committee are asked to note the Terms of Reference for 2026/27.

## 7. DATES OF MEETINGS

Members are asked to note the dates of meetings for 2026-27 as follows:

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2026, at 10am
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2026, at 10am
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026, at 10am.

## 8. PETITIONS

The Monitoring Officer to report on the receipt of any petitions submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures

## 9. QUESTIONS, REPRESENTATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF CASE

Cllr Ramsay Ross submitted the following questions to the Scrutiny Committee:

### **Palantir Systems – the Cost-Benefit of their adoption to UHL**

#### **Background Information to Questions:**

1) Extracted from an investigation by **the Financial Times** published on 8th July 2026.

The key points that the FT report makes are:

- i) we do not know the true annual operational cost of the Palantir system vs the initial cost of the system
- ii) we do know that Palantir is being given access to individual patient data, although Palantir insists that the use of this data is controlled by the NHS
- iii) One third of hospitals have delivered fewer operations since introducing the system and major operational gains are limited to a few major hospitals
- iv) The NHS publishes its data available at: NHS organisations live with NHS Federated Data Platform

*Supplemental information:*

- *UHLeicester uses Palantir as does Northants General Hosp Trust (the two trusts now have the same Chair). Cambridge Univ. Hospitals Trust and Cambridge Community Trust also use the system. These trusts all report benefits.*
- *Whilst Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust uses the system, it has reported no benefits.*

- *Recently (July) the NHS has conceded that the cause-and-effect benefits of the FDP cannot be separated out, given the number of other variables and therefore the benefits cannot be estimated with a high degree of accuracy.*

2) The **Health Foundation** has established that the Palantir Optica tracking tool, used to reduce delayed hospital discharges has found "no noticeable improvement in discharge performance among trusts using Optica.....The gradual upward trend in performance observed in these trusts before they adopted the Optica toll continued at broadly the same rate after it was implemented".

**Questions to the ICB:**

- i) What are those specific and quantifiable Cost-Benefits that have been delivered to date from:
  - a. The FDP
  - b. The Optica tracking tool (if currently used)
- ii) What is the annual operation cost of each of these systems (split between the monies paid to Palantir and those of UHL) and what is the applicable contractual date upon which the Palantir contracts can be terminated?

**10. PRIMARY CARE ACCESS IN LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND GP ACCESS UPDATE AND PRIMARY CARE ACCESS RECOVERY PLAN - 2026/27**

**Appendix C  
(Pages 23 - 46)**

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) submit a report in response to the Leicester, Leicestershire's and Rutland Joint Health Scrutiny Committee's request for results, data, and progress from GP Patient Surveys, alongside a wider update on GP access performance and the actions being taken to improve access and patient experience across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.

**11. IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF LOCAL HEALTHWATCH SERVICES ACROSS LEICESTER, LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND**

**Appendix D  
(Pages 47 - 68)**

The Chair of Healthwatch Leicester and the Chair of Healthwatch Rutland submit a report setting out the concerns of the three local Healthwatch organisations regarding Government proposals set out in the Health Bill 2026/27 that would result in the closure of Healthwatch services across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland (LLR). Healthwatch is the statutory, independent champion for people who use health and social care services.

The paper sets out its purpose, provides background and context on the Healthwatch role, outlines the risks associated with discontinuing Healthwatch provision, highlights the value Healthwatch delivers and presents recommendations for the Committee.

**12. LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF LEICESTER NHS TRUST AND UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE (INFORMATION ONLY)** **Appendix E  
(Pages 69 - 70)**

The attached briefing from University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust (UHL) and University Hospitals of Northamptonshire (UHN) provides an update on leadership and governance arrangements and is submitted for information only.

**13. MEMBERS QUESTIONS ON MATTERS NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

Members are invited to ask any questions that are not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**14. WORK PROGRAMME** **Appendix F  
(Pages 71 - 74)**

Members will be asked to note the work programme and consider any future items for inclusion.

**15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**