

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CARE AND INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 APRIL 2010

WORK PROGRAMME

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The Committee has agreed the attached work programme (Appendix 1).
- 1.2. The report gives members the opportunity to be updated on work programme items and review the shape of the work ahead.

Background

- 1.3. The scope of this Committee is defined as:

The needs of vulnerable adults and older people and people whose independence needs to be supported by intervention from the public or voluntary sector.

2.0 Stroke Awareness Update

- 2.1. Members will recall that a task group led by County Councillor Tony Hall and comprising members from the Scrutiny of Health Committee and this Committee is taking this work forward.
- 2.2. An informal meeting with the Regional Officer of the Stroke Association was held which informed on the completion of the initial scoping work which has now been completed.
- 2.3. Key issues that the task group will be examining include:
 - How is stroke awareness brought to the attention of the public and how is advice made available on what they should do if a stroke is suspected?
 - How is stroke awareness promoted by employers?
 - What are the prompts in the triage systems used by call handlers in NHS Direct and in the Out of Hours Service to alert them to the possibility that the caller may have had a stroke?
 - How do ambulance service crews assess whether or not the patient has had a stroke and how do they decide where to take the patient?
 - How do staff in Accident and Emergency recognise and respond to stroke situations?

- 2.4. The task group is now moving into the consultation phase. Meetings have already been held with the 3 Cardiovascular Networks that cover North Yorkshire and with the Stroke Services Coordinator at the South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
- 2.5. The next meeting of the task group is on 7 April. Work planned for the future in the short term includes:
- Meeting with NHS NY&Y lead on primary care to explore triage systems and the procedures used by call handlers in NHS Direct to deal with stroke situations.
 - Meeting with local GP(s) to:
 - consult on how stroke awareness is promoted and stroke is recognised in primary care,
 - explore the extent to which the Quality and Outcomes Framework is being used to promote stroke awareness and recognition.
 - potential for practice based commissioning
 - Meeting with representative(s) from Yorkshire Ambulance Service to:
 - explore the levels of stroke awareness amongst call handlers and ambulance crews and how they recognise stroke situations.
- 2.6. A clearer picture of when the final report will be submitted will emerge as a result of the meeting on 7 April 2010. The schedule currently is for this to be available in June or July this year.

3.0 North Yorkshire LINK

- 3.1. On 15 March a workshop was held with representatives of the North Yorkshire LINK together with County Councillors and colleagues from the Care Quality Commission. The workshop was successful with the LINK members and County Councillors having a better understanding of how the Care Quality Commission will fulfil its new duties around registration and inspection of care homes. There will be other opportunities taken throughout the year for joint working. In the meantime however work is being undertaken by officers in conjunction with North Bank Forum, the host organisation, on a set of protocols which will guide the relationship between the two scrutiny committees and the North Yorkshire LINK to aid communication, co-operation and understanding. A key point will be establishing mechanisms for referring items between the committees and the LINK, fostering co-operation and avoiding duplication and strengthening the scrutiny process generally.

4.0 Extra Care Development and Design Guide

- 4.1. At your last Mid-Cycle Briefing Group Spokespersons discussed the Committee's intention to be involved with extra care development work. Following the visit to Springfield Court the Committee was particularly keen to play a part in the development of a design guide and influencing local opinion in communities. A strategy for extra care is still being worked through within the directorate and so it is still premature for the Committee to review this issue in depth. However Group Spokespersons suggested that some preparatory work could be undertaken on how members of the Committee can work with other County Councillors and district council and local representatives to ensure that the case for extra care development

is firmly understood and appreciated throughout the County.

- 4.2. This is a topic that your Group Spokespersons will return to at their next Mid-Cycle Briefing when the outline of a potential extra care development strategy may be known.

5.0 Safeguarding: Involvement of Committee Members

- 5.1. At their Mid-Cycle Briefing Group Spokespersons continued the discussion the user Committee had at your last meeting regarding Safeguarding. There was a consensus that this remains a key priority for your work programme over the course of the next year. A particular point raised at Committee last time was how we promote the involvement of elected Members at a local level, particularly in the local Safeguarding boards. Discussions are taking place on the arrangements for a potential workshop seminar for members of the Committee to which other County Councillors will be invited.

6.0 North Yorkshire Drugs Action Team: Agenda Item

- 6.1. Your Chairman has mentioned in previous meetings that he has taken an interest in relation to certain issues affecting the North Yorkshire Drugs Action Team. Changes are being planned on how drug action teams in the County work. This will have implications for the staffing structure within the North Yorkshire DAT support team. The Chairman has asked that information come to you at your meeting on 3 June on the work of the Drugs Action Team locally, the challenges faced and whether the new arrangements will give greater impetus to the work of the Drug Action Team Board.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 The Committee is recommended to:

- a. Consider the attached work programme and determine whether any further amendments should be made at this stage.

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Background Documents: None

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Social Care Outcomes

S1. Health and emotional well-being	S2. Quality of Life	S3. Making a positive contribution	S4. Exercise choice and control	S5. Freedom from discrimination and harassment	S6. Economic well-being	S7. Personal dignity
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In-depth Scrutiny Projects

SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM	PARTNERSHIP ISSUES	TIMESCALES
Access to Dementia Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assess local interpretation of the National Dementia Strategy. 2. To develop proposals for a good Dementia Service. 3. Preparation of a Joint Commissioning Strategy. 	<p>Follow Up Actions</p> <p>Final Report agreed by Executive February 2009</p>	Network involves partners from all sectors	Commissioning Strategy and Network Updates (January 2010)
Valuing Employment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To assess and contribute to our and our partners' preparedness for the implications of Valuing Employment Now. 2. What are the numbers of people with learning disability in employment in North Yorkshire now? 3. What worked/did not work in getting these individuals into employment in North Yorkshire? 4. What are the success stories from elsewhere in the country and what lessons might be brought back to North Yorkshire? 5. How do the Committee assist the Corporate County Council understand this agenda? 6. What awareness is there among other critical partners? 7. What should be the role of ACS? 	Task Group	Working with partners in all sectors to encourage a positive approach	Final Report end of 2010

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Extra Care Development	Report to January Committee regarding objectives of review and potential Terms of Reference	To be decided		To be decided
Older Peoples' Strategy Engagement	Assessment of how North Yorkshire County Council engaged with older people.	Task Group Report		January 2010
Early Intervention and Prevention (POPPS)	Wider prevention and early intervention agenda in the light of National POPP Evaluation.	To be considered at Mid-Cycle Briefing		Spring 2010

Overview Reports

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<i>Scheduled Committee Meetings</i>	8 April 10.30am	3 June 10.30am	2 September 10.30am	4 November 10.30am
<i>Scheduled Agenda Briefing</i>	6 April 10.30am	1 June 10.30am	31 August 2.00pm	2 November 10.30am
<i>Scheduled Mid Cycle</i>	6 May 10.30am	15 July 10.30am	7 October 10.30am	23 December 10.30am
Overview / Update Topics				
1. Assistive Technology/Telecare		Review Progress		
2. Personalisation/Self Directed Support	Update Review of Implementation			

3. North Yorkshire Drugs Action Team		NY Drugs Action Team		
4. Safeguarding				
5. Early Intervention and Prevention		Review		
6. Dignity Champion				