

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CARE AND INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**3 JUNE 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.

**2.0 Background**

- 2.1. 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.’***

**3.0 Stroke Awareness Update**

- 3.1. 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.
- 3.2. Key issues that the task group are 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?
- 3.3. The next meeting is with the Stroke Association on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to plan the visits to meet stroke survivors and their carers in their own homes. A clearer picture

of when the final report will be submitted will emerge in June or July this year.

#### **4.0 Safeguarding: Involvement of Committee Members**

- 4.1. Safeguarding 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. A recent members' seminar has laid the groundwork for more detailed work by this Committee at some point later in the year.
- 4.2. Your Chairman attended the Safeguarding Conference on 27 April at the Pavilions, Harrogate.
- 4.3. The speakers included Gary Fitzgerald, Chief Executive of Action on Elder Abuse on 'The issues of how abuse can be hidden within family contexts', Ruth Andrews, Section Leader, Fraud and Special Investigations Trading Standards speaking on 'Door Step Crime' and Gary Hardman who launched the new Multi-agency Policy and Procedures on behalf of the NY Safeguarding Board.

#### **5.0 Dementia meeting Thursday, 2 September 2010**

- 5.1. At the last meeting, when you considered the conclusions of the Yorkshire and Humberside Improvement Peer Monitoring Review on Dementia Services, you were reassured by the conclusions that mirrored the Committee's opinion that a strong start had been made locally in delivering the aims of the National Dementia Strategy.
- 5.2. At your last meeting you felt it was time to review progress made against the National Dementia Strategy and what has happened since you published your report endorsed by the Executive at the beginning of 2009.
- 5.3. Your Chairman and I have been discussing how best to approach this. Your Chairman has asked for the support and assistance of the people, agencies and individuals who so strongly influenced the original report. It is suggested that the September meeting asks the key question "What does it look like for individuals in our communities who have Dementia now we are one year into the Strategy?" Discussion will focus on how agencies nationally, locally and regional are working together to address this condition.
- 5.4. The Chairman will take the opportunity at the Committee meeting to ask for your guidance on the format and approach that should be adopted for this meeting in September.

#### **6.0 Public Question Statement: Mr I Fulton**

- 6.1. At your last Committee Ian Fulton from the North Yorkshire LINK and Chair of the Mental Health Strategic Task Group in Craven gave notice of a Statement. This raised concerns and issues concerning mental health services in the Craven and Harrogate area. At your meeting you recognised the serious nature of the

accusations and asked that this information be brought back to you. Since the meeting the Chairman has liaised with the Chairman of the Scrutiny of Health Committee on the matter and Seamus Breen has pursued the comments raised.

- 6.2. Seamus Breen will report to you at the meeting on the results of the enquiries on the accusation that there had been dereliction of care.

## **7.0 Recommendations**

- 7.1. The Committee is recommended to consider the attached work programme and determine whether any further amendments should be made at this stage.

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**Social Care Outcomes**

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

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

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Extra Care Development	Report to January Committee regarding objectives of review and potential Terms of Reference	To be decided		<b>To be decided</b>
Older Peoples' Strategy Engagement	Assessment of how North Yorkshire County Council engaged with older people.	Task Group Report		<b>January 2010</b>
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		<b>Spring 2010</b>

**Overview Reports**

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	2010			
<i>Scheduled Committee Meetings</i>	<b>8 April</b> 10.30am	<b>3 June</b> 10.30am	<b>2 September</b> 10.30am	<b>4 November</b> 10.30am
<i>Scheduled Agenda Briefing</i>	<b>6 April</b> 10.30am	<b>1 June</b> 10.30am	<b>31 August</b> 2.00pm	<b>2 November</b> 10.30am
<i>Scheduled Mid Cycle</i>	<b>6 May</b> 10.30am	<b>15 July</b> 10.30am	<b>7 October</b> 10.30am	<b>23 December</b> 10.30am
<b>Overview / Update Topics</b>				
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				