

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CARE AND INDEPENDENCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

21 January 2016

WORK PROGRAMME REPORT

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 Safeguarding Training

- 3.1. In line with agreement reached at the last committee, your group spokespersons discussed the options for trading for elected members on Safeguarding.
- 3.2. It was agreed that a session be arranged in the Spring to cover the responsibilities of NYCC in relation to adults and children, and that it be jointly delivered
- 3.3. It will include:
 - principles/issues common to both or where there are links eg during transition or where an adult may be a risk to children; and
 - where there are differences eg legislation and the right of an adult with capacity to make their own choices
- 3.4. This is likely to be a separate session, rather than including it as part of a wider session covering other issues for Councillors. We would estimate that this would be about 2-2.5hours, but will be clearer once the content is developed.
- 3.5. All Councillors will be invited, and we will aim for the session to be delivered in March, dependent on availability of dates.
- 3.6. The overall aim of the session will be that Councillors understand their responsibilities in relation to safeguarding, focusing in particular around how to recognise and report it.
- 3.7. Areas that will be covered include:

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- Understanding what Safeguarding is. This would include some stories to demonstrate the different types, possibly using a short video.
- What a Councillor would do if they considered they had come across a Safeguarding issue
- Identifying the Local Authority's responsibilities – that it has the overall responsibility for safeguarding, but links to many other local agendas
- Understanding a Councillor's role in relation to Safeguarding - this will include their general role as a community leader, but also their role if they are Members of Overview and Scrutiny, or members of bodies that have a safeguarding remit
- Understanding Safeguarding Boards - what these are and what they do, including responsibilities around Serious Case Reviews/Safeguarding Adult Reviews.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1. 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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Scope

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

Meeting dates

<i>Scheduled Mid Cycle (10.30am)</i> Group Spokespersons Committee		31 Mar 2016		14 Sept 2016	1 Dec 2016	2 Mar 2017	11 May 2017
<i>Scheduled Committee Meetings (10.30am)</i>	21 Jan 2016	21 Apr 2016	30 June 2016	27 Oct 2016	19 Jan 2017	27 Apr 2017	

MEETING	SUBJECT	AIMS/TERMS OF REFERENCE	ACTION/BY WHOM
21 April 2016	Complex needs	Current situation and progress against 2020 Savings requirement.	HAS
	Smoking Cessation	Update on the public health strategy	HAS -Public Health
	Mental Health Strategy	HWB adoption of the strategy and intended plan of action	HAS
	Assessment Reablement Pathway	Possible update.	HAS

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	Independent Advocacy (Information and Advice)	<p>As part of the committee's assessment of directorate preparedness for the Care Act. Under the Care Act, HAS and its partnership organisations must make a referral for an Independent Advocate for any adult they are working with who has substantial difficulty with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding information • retaining information • using information to make a decision • communicating their views, wishes and feelings • not having an appropriate relative, friend or carer to support their involvement. 	HAS
30 June 2016	Domiciliary Care update	Progress on the commissioning process. Dialogue with providers.	HAS
27 October 2016	Targeted Prevention and Support. (NYCC Savings Target item)	How the relevant savings target is being achieved. How the impact upon service users is being managed, focussing on the evidence regarding the effect of the range of preventative services funded by the council for people who already have low level health and/or social care needs and their carers.	HAS
19 January 2017			
27 April 2017			

Please note that this is a working document, therefore topics and timeframes might need to be amended over the course of the year.

Additional issues (to those above) which will be picked up at Mid-Cycle Briefings and which may also be brought to the subsequent Committee include:

	Workforce, Employment of Care Workers, Assessment and Re-ablement, The Care Cost Gap
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