

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE****8 April 2011****Work Programme****Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for Members to review the Scrutiny of Health Committee's (SoHC's) work programme taking into account current areas of involvement and decisions taken in respect of earlier agenda items.

Remit of the Committee

2. The role of the SoHC is to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the County, including Ambulance Trusts and the policies of the Strategic Health Authority.
3. Broadly speaking the bulk of the Committee's work falls into the following categories:
 - a) being consulted on service changes which the Committee has agreed with the NHS locally are "substantial";
 - b) contributing to the development of healthcare policy at local and national levels;
 - c) contributing to the Department of Health's Quality Accounts initiative and the Care Quality Commission's process of registering NHS trusts.

Scheduled Committee Dates

4. The Committee dates for the remainder of 2011 and the anticipated main agenda items are set out below:
 - ❖ 10:00 am on 17 June, Malton Rugby Club
 - Enhanced community services pilots in Ryedale and Whitby.
 - Merger/Partnership arrangements between Scarborough & North East Yorkshire NHS Trust and York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.
 - In patient Mental Health services in the Bradford area.
 - Provision of a community based Orthopaedics/Musculoskeletal Service in the York and Selby areas.
 - ❖ 10:00 am on 23 September, venue to be confirmed.
 - ❖ 10:00 am on 18 November, venue to be confirmed.

Other Emerging Areas of Work

North Yorkshire Review of Health Services 2011

5. An additional meeting/workshop has been arranged for 27 May 2011 starting at 10.00am for Members to be involved in the North Yorkshire Review of Health Services which is now underway. The review has been commissioned by NHS Yorkshire and the Humber and will examine how future GP commissioners can make the best use of resources within the North Yorkshire area. It is being led by NHS Confederation Medical Director, Professor Hugo Mascie-Taylor and is expected to report by the end of June 2011.

Quality Accounts 2010/11

6. Most trusts have now contacted your Scrutiny Officer inviting the Committee to provide comments on their QA. In addition to the Yorkshire Ambulance Service whose QA is covered as a separate agenda item, in view of the Committee's recent areas of work, it is suggested that it focuses on commenting on the QAs from the following Trusts:
 - the Scarborough and North East Yorkshire NHS Trust
 - the South Tees Hospital Foundation NS Trust
 - Harrogate and District Foundation NHS Trust.

Recommendation

7. That Members review the Committee's work programme, taking into account issues highlighted in this report, the outcome of discussions on previous agenda items and any other healthcare developments taking place across the County.

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