

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE

17 June 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 23 September, venue to be confirmed.
 - ❖ 10:00 am on 18 November, venue to be confirmed.

On-Going and Emerging Areas of Work

North Yorkshire Review of Health Services 2011

5. Professor Hugo Mascie-Taylor's report will be published in July and as Hugo mentioned at the briefing on 20 May 2011 he would welcome an opportunity to discuss his findings with the Committee. It is hoped that a date can be arranged during July.

Malton and Whitby Hospitals

6. In line with the NCAT report discussed under agenda item 6 a vision for both Malton and Whitby Hospital needs to be developed. The Committee will have an on-going involvement in this work.

Scarborough and North East Yorkshire Healthcare NHS Trust and York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Partnership

7. Over the next year it is likely that the Committee will continue to be involved in this development.

Quality Accounts

8. A number of Trusts have indicated that they would welcome the Committee's input to their QA during the year rather than just at the end of the process. Now the acute trusts have taken over community service (health visitors, district nurses, community rehabilitation, fast response teams, etc) it may be appropriate to look in detail at these services for all the acute trusts in preparation for their 2011/12 QA.

Recommendation

9. 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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Background Documents: None