

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE

23 September 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 first part of 2012 are set out below:

2011

- ❖ 10:00 am on 18 November, venue to be confirmed.

2012

- ❖ 10:00 am on 27 January, venue to be confirmed.
- ❖ 10:00 am on 20 April, venue to be confirmed.

On-Going and Emerging Areas of Work

5. The main areas of work are highlighted below:

North Yorkshire Review of Health Services 2011

Implementation of the proposals in the Review report will provide the backdrop to much of the Committee's work over the next two years.

Inpatient and Community Older People's Mental Health in Craven

The Bradford District Care Trust will shortly be launching a formal consultation on proposals for the future provision of Inpatient and Community Older People's Mental Health (OPMH) services which will affect residents in the Craven area.

Children's Cardiac Surgery

Your Chairman continues to represent the NYSoHC on the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Scrutiny of Health Committee which along with other regional scrutiny committees across the country is being consulted formally on the proposals. Members will recall that County Councillor Jim Clark, Chairman, set out this Committee's response to the consultation in a letter to the Director - Yorkshire & the Humber Specialised Commissioning Group on 16 June 2011.

Quality Accounts

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 services (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.

NHS North Yorkshire and York's Policy on Individual Funding Requests

Certain Members have queried how NHS NY&Y decides which services it will and will not fund and how it deals with requests from a GP or an acute trust for an individual to receive a health care intervention which is not routinely funded.

NHS NY&Y have indicated that they would welcome an opportunity to brief the Committee on these issues.

Recommendation

6. 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