

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE

27 January 2012

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.
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 scheduled Committee dates during 2012 and, where possible, provisional agenda items are as follows:
 - ❖ 10:00 am on 20 April, venue to be confirmed
Provisional agenda items:
 - *NHS North Yorkshire and York: Individual Funding Request Panel*
 - ❖ 10:00 am on 1 June, venue to be confirmed
Provisional agenda items:
 - *Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust: 5 Year Clinical Services Strategy*
 - ❖ 10:00 am on 7 September, venue to be confirmed
 - ❖ 10:00 am on 9 November, venue to be confirmed

On-Going and Emerging Areas of Work

5. The main areas of work are highlighted below:

a. North Yorkshire Review of Health Services 2011

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

b. National Review of 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 the Royal Brompton Hospital in London called for a Judicial Review of the proposals which lead to a ruling that the consultation was flawed and should be quashed. The Court of Appeal has granted the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts leave to appeal against this ruling. The Appeal is likely to take place on 19 or 20 March 2012.

c. 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.

d. Access to Health Care in Ryedale

Members will recall that at the last meeting of the Committee a task group was set up to help take forward proposals in a report by Ryedale Voluntary Action and Ryedale Community Transport calling for urgent work to improve transport to healthcare appointments.

e. Children's Services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton

The Committee will have a close interest in developments at the Friarage, including the results of the planned engagement process. In the fullness of time the Committee may be involved in a formal consultation.

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.
7. Further survey work is now taking place in local GP surgeries to take forward some of the recommendations in the report. The results of this survey work will be shared with the task group shortly.

Bryon Hunter
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Background Documents: None