

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE****1 June 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 7 September, venue to be confirmed
Provisional agenda items:
 - Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust: 5 Year Clinical Services Strategy
 - Harrogate and Rural District Clinical Commissioning Group
 - NHS 111 Service
 - ❖ 10:00 am on 9 November, venue to be confirmed

On-Going and Emerging Areas of Work

5. Currently, 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 Committee 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 led to a ruling that the consultation was flawed and should be quashed. The Court of Appeal granted the Joint Committee of Primary Care Trusts (JCPCTs) leave to appeal against this ruling and on Thursday, 19 April it found the JCPCT's process for public consultation to be fair, lawful and proper, and they dismissed all of the grounds raised by the Royal Brompton Hospital.

Now that the consultation is no longer quashed, the JCPCT is currently reviewing all the evidence it received as part of the consultation. This included calls for three surgical units in London as well as calls for options which retained surgical centres in Leeds, Leicester and Southampton to be considered.

A final decision will be made at a public meeting of the JCPCT on 4 July 2012.

c. Adults living with congenital heart disease

A report, "Adults living with congenital heart disease", was published on 18 May 2012 to mark the start of a period of public engagement by the NHS on the future shape of services for adults with congenital heart disease (ACHD) in England. The review is led by NHS Specialised Services on behalf of specialised commissioners in England.

The review, which is in collaboration with the relevant medical, nursing and patients' associations, has been prompted by the increasing population of adults living with congenital heart disease. Those with the condition are living longer, yet specialist services have developed in an unplanned way in some areas of the country. Evidence also shows that some hospitals are carrying out just a handful of surgical procedures on ACHD patients, resulting in some clinicians not carrying out enough procedures to be sure of developing their skills and delivering the best outcomes for patients.

The report describes why the ACHD review is taking place and includes proposals for a new model of care where services are organised within a network of specialist care. As part of the launch a set of draft designation standards has also been published today. The standards, developed by an expert group of clinicians and patient representatives, propose improvements to services, such as concentrating surgical expertise in specialist centres and improving referral processes. The NHS is now calling for people's views on these draft standards and proposed model of care.

There will be a range of different ways for patients, clinicians and anyone with an interest in ACHD services to have their say, including several workshops that will be taking place throughout June. All evidence, comments and feedback will be considered and used to improve the draft

model of care and designation standards. The NHS is asking for all views by Friday, 27th July 2012.

Work is in hand to call a meeting of the Yorkshire and Humber Joint Committee which has been looking at Children's Cardiac Surgery to meet before this date with a view to submitting a response to this new engagement on adult cardiac surgery. It should be noted that the Joint Committee, in its response to the consultation on children's cardiac surgery, called for no decision to be made independently of proposals for adult cardiac surgery.

d. Paediatric and Maternity 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.

A series of engagement events is now in train. An engagement event specifically with SoHC will take place on 21 June at 2:00 pm at County Hall.

County Councillors Jim Clark and John Blackie, together with NHS colleagues, visited NHS South of Tyne & Wear, Sunderland on Thursday, 24 May; they will also be visiting Horton Hospital on Wednesday, 30 May.

Arrangements are being made for a visit to Bassetlaw Hospital near Doncaster.

In the fullness of time the Committee may be involved in a formal consultation.

e. Healthcare Services Delivered by Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust

The Chairman and local members will be attending a workshop on 14 June 2012 as part of work to identify priorities and key issues for the Trust over the next 4 years.

Recommendations

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