

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE

9 November 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 schedule of Committee dates up to the local elections in May 2013 is as follows:

2012

- ❖ 7.00pm Thursday 22 November 2012, Allerton Court Hotel, Northallerton. **[Please note this is a special meeting.]**

2013

- ❖ 10.00am, Friday 18 January, venue to be confirmed
- ❖ 10.00am, Friday 5 April, venue to be confirmed.

On-Going and Emerging Areas of Work

5. The Committee's main areas of involvement are:
 - a) Children's and Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton
This is covered as a separate agenda item.

b) Formal Consultation - Mental Health Services - Alexander House, Knaresborough

The formal consultation with service users, their families and stakeholders is now underway.

c) National Review of Children's Cardiac Surgery

Your Chairman, County Councillor Jim Clark, continues to represent this Committee on the Yorkshire and Humber Joint Scrutiny Committee.

d) Adults living with congenital heart disease

It is expected that a formal consultation on adult's cardiac surgery, similar to the way in which the consultation on children's cardiac surgery was managed will eventually be launched by a Joint Committee of PCTs. If so, at that stage it is likely that a Y&H Joint Scrutiny Committee will be established.

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