

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE

22 March 2013

#### 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 and public health 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 scheduled for 10.00am, Friday 5 April has been cancelled.
5. After the Council elections on 2 May 2013 the meetings for the rest of 2013 are as follows:
  - 14 June, 10.00am
  - 6 September, 10.00am
  - 8 November, 10.00am
6. All venues are yet to be confirmed.

#### On-Going and Emerging Areas of Work

7. The Committee's on-going and future main areas of involvement include:
  - a) North Yorkshire and York Clinical Services Review + Clinical Commissioning Groups' Outline Plans.
  - b) Children's and Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

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.

e) North Kirklees Clinical Commissioning Group and the Wakefield Clinical Commissioning Group – "Meeting the Challenge".

Results of the consultation to be reported to the Committee during the summer of 2013.

f) Long term future Malton Minor Injuries Unit.

See Appendix 1.

**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**

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*Sent via email*

14 March 2013

Dear Sir / Madame

**Re: Update on Malton Minor Injuries Unit**

I am writing to update you on our plans to review the opening hours of Malton Minor Injuries Unit (MIU).

As a reminder, the decision to reduce the opening hours was taken by the PCT to keep its end of year financial deficit to a minimum and to help reduce the amount of debt our CCG will inherit in April 2013.

Whilst the reduced hours have been in place the PCT has undertaken a review to establish what cost savings have been made.

In addition to this, our CCG has taken the opportunity to review other factors including:

- Trends in the use of the MIU over a six month period before the reduced hours were introduced
- The impact of the reduced hours on other NHS services, such as an increase in A&E attendance from people who couldn't access the MIU when it was closed
- The concerns of local people raised through campaigns and petitions.

The main findings from these reviews include:

- The reduced hours have saved around £100,000
- Prior to the reduced hours being introduced, the MIU was mainly accessed during the daytime
- There has been no noticeable increase in the use of other health services, most notably the emergency services



- Local residents view the MIU as an essential local health service and do not want to see any permanent reduction in opening hours
- The closure of the MIU on weekends was of particular concern to local residents, especially those who are involved in weekend sporting activities.

As a patient centred organisation, our CCG wants the very best health services for local people. This means ensuring services available when and where they need them, within the financial resources we have to commission them.

That is why, based on the information obtained as part of this review, we are keen to explore a different model for when the MIU is open and how it will be staffed.

We are planning to table a proposal at our Governing Body on 27 February which would see the MIU service reinstated during the daytime at weekends, but remain closed during the evenings seven days a week when fewer people access the service.

We are also proposing to staff the MIU differently by providing GP cover in the mornings with specialist nursing cover in the afternoons.

We feel this proposal responds to the concerns of local patients whilst still enabling our CCG to make the necessary cost savings.

If our Governing Body agrees in principal to this model, they will be asked to agree to a four-week engagement period where local residents will have the opportunity to find out about the proposal and have their say.

The results of this engagement will then be presented to the Governing Body in April to help inform their decision about whether the new model is implemented.

I hope this letter provides a useful update on the issue ahead of our Governing Body meeting on 27 February, and offers further reassurance that our CCG is committed to involving patients and other stakeholders in our decision making process.

If you have any questions or would like to meet to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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