

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE****17 January 2014****Remit of the Committee and Main Areas of Work****Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to highlight the role of the Scrutiny of Health Committee (SoHC) and to review the work programme taking into account current areas of involvement and decisions taken in respect of earlier agenda items.

**Introduction**

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 the reconfiguration of healthcare and public health services locally;
  - b) contributing to the Department of Health's Quality Accounts initiative and the Care Quality Commission's process of registering NHS trusts;
  - c) carrying out detailed examination into a particular healthcare/public health service;
4. The Committee's powers include:
  - reviewing and scrutinising any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the local authority's area;
  - requiring NHS bodies to provide information within 28 days to and attend (through officers) before meetings of the committee to answer questions necessary for the discharge of health scrutiny functions;
  - making reports and recommendations to local NHS bodies and to the local authority on any health matters that they scrutinise;
  - requiring NHS bodies to respond within a fixed timescale to the health scrutiny reports or recommendations;
  - requiring NHS bodies to consult health scrutiny on proposals for substantial developments or variations to the local health service;
  - referring contested proposals to the Secretary of State for Health.

### **Scheduled Committee Dates**

5. The Committee meetings for the rest of 2014 and into 2015 are:

#### **2014**

- 11 April, Venue: Airedale Hospital, Keighley
- 13 June
- 5 September
- 7 November

#### **2015**

- 23 January
- 24 April

6. All of the meetings take place on Fridays and start at 10.00am. Other than the meeting on 11 April which will be held at Airedale Hospital, all venues are yet to be confirmed.

### **Additional Meeting**

7. At an extraordinary meeting to be held on 27 February 2014 the Governing Body of the Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG will take a final decision on proposals for Children's and Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton. Pending the outcome of that Board Meeting, a special meeting of the SoHC may take place on Friday, 7 March at 10:00 am. The venue will be County Hall.

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

8. The Committee's work programme is summarised in APPENDIX 1.

#### **Recommendation**

9. 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**

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL****Scrutiny of Health Committee – Work Programme/Areas of Involvement - 2014/15 (as at 9 January 2014)**

	2014					2015	
<b>Scheduled Committee Meetings</b>	17 Jan	11 Apr	13 Jun	5 Spt	7 Nov	23 Jan	24 Apr
<i>Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings (Chairman, Vice Chairman and group spokespersons only)</i>	21 Feb	23 May	25 July	3 Oct	12 Dec	13 Mar	

**Areas of Involvement**

1. Consultation on Children's and Maternity Services at the Friarage Hospital, Northallerton							
2. Whitby - "Fit 4 the Future" - Public Engagement							
3. Hambleton and Richmondshire - "Fit 4 the Future" - Public Engagement							
4. Scarborough & Ryedale Integrated Urgent Care Model - Formal consultation							
5. Scarborough - Stroke Services - Update							
6. Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group priorities							
7. Service developments at Airedale Hospital							

## **Additional/Emerging Areas of Involvement**

### National Review of Congenital Heart Surgery (Adults and Children)

On 12 June 2013 the Secretary of State for Health announced in parliament that the safe and sustainable proposals for Children's Congenital Heart Services could not go ahead in their current form. Under the proposals children's cardiac surgery at Leeds General Infirmary would have stopped. NHS England, the body responsible for commissioning specialised congenital heart services, are now taking forward the process to cover services for adults and children. NHS England has announced that by June 2014 they will have a plan for an implementable solution. As yet it is unclear how scrutiny committees will be involved in the process of developing a solution or in any formal consultation that may take place.

### Mid Wife-led Maternity Unit at Scarborough Hospital

The Unit has been temporarily closed to allow upgrades to the maternity operating theatres.

### Quality Accounts

It is anticipated that during the early part of the year all NHS trusts serving North Yorkshire will be inviting the Committee to comment on the priorities to be included in their Quality Account for 2013/14.

### New GP Contract (Incl. Impact of withdrawal of GP Minimum Income Guarantee)

The Committee will receive regular updates as the developments unfold.

### Autism Assessments

Further work is planned during the year but as yet there is no firm timescale for that work.

### Crisis Call Service

Further work is planned during the year but as yet there is no firm timescale for that work.