

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE****11 April 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

- 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. All venues are yet to be confirmed.

On-Going and Emerging Areas of Work

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

Recommendation

8. 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 1 April 2014)**

	2014			2015	
Scheduled Committee Meetings	13 Jun	5 Spt	7 Nov	23 Jan	24 Apr
<i>Scheduled Mid Cycle Briefings (Chairman, Vice Chairman and group spokespersons only)</i>					
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. York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust: Update on Developments					

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

The NHS trusts serving North Yorkshire have invited the Committee to comment on the priorities to be included in their Quality Accounts 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.