

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE****12 June 2015****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 up to May 2016 are:

- 4 September
- 6 November

2016

- 22 January
- 22 April

6. All of the above meetings start at 10.00am. Venues are yet to be confirmed.

Areas of Involvement and Work Programme

7. The Committee's on-going and emerging areas of work involvement are summarised in APPENDIX 1.

8. Key issues which Members are invited to note include:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)

The Committee has a long standing interest in CAMHS. The Department of Health have published Future in mind - Promoting, protecting and improving our children and young people's mental health and wellbeing:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/414024/Childrens_Mental_Health.pdf

Locally developments are being taken forward under the umbrella of the **Children and Young People's Emotional and Mental Health Strategy 2014-17** which in turn will contribute to an overarching Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy a draft of which was considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board on Wednesday 3 June 2015.

On behalf of the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the North Yorkshire Children's Trust the North Yorkshire Partnership Commissioning Unit (PCU) is planning to hold a series of engagement events with young people and parents/guardians. Arrangements are in being made for Members from this Committee to being involved in these events. Opportunities for the Committee to carry out its own research in conjunction with Healthwatch which could support the work being undertaken by the PCU are also being explored.

- All Age Autism Strategy

The Committee's interest in Autism dates back to late 2013 when it came to light there were long delays in autism diagnosis across the County. Since that date the Committee has been monitoring the situation closely. The latest information indicates the situation is improving, for instance, the number of

first appointments offered each month has steadily improved over the last year.

The consultation on the Strategy went live on Friday 22nd May 2015:
<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/autismstrategy>

Five events are planned in July which will be open to service users, carers and stakeholders to attend. These dates will be made available to members of this committee in the near future.

The results of the consultation and the delivery plan will be considered by the Committee later this year.

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 - 2015 (as at January 2015)**

(Note: Shading denotes period of involvement; ✓ = Confirmed agenda item)

	2015		2016	
	4 Sept	6 Nov	22 Jan	22 April
Scheduled Committee Meetings				
Overview/On-Going Monitoring				
1. Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby CCG: Whitby - "Fit 4 the Future"				
2. Hambleton, Richmondshire & Whitby CCG: Hambleton and Richmondshire - "Fit 4 the Future"				
3. Primary Care Commissioning				
Local Service Delivery Issues				
4. Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit, Friarage Hospital				
5. Mental Health services in the Craven area	Timescale to be determined.			
Performance				
6. Yorkshire Ambulance Service – Outcome of Care Quality Commission Inspection (Including planned service developments and improvements to response times)	✓			
7. South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Outcome of CQC Inspection, financial situation and Impact on Services	Timescale to be determined.			
8. York Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Outcome of CQC Inspection	Timescale to be determined.			
9. Tees, Esk and Wear NHS Foundation Trust - Outcome of CQC Inspection	Timescale to be determined.			

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Strategic Service Developments				
10. The role of Pharmacy in primary care	✓			
11. Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)				
12. All Age Autism Strategy				
13. Winter measures				
14. Hydraulic fracturing (Fracking)	Timescale to be determined.			
15. National Review of Congenital Heart Surgery (Adults and Children)				