

**North Yorkshire County Council****Scrutiny of Health Committee****2 September 2016**

End of Life Care and “Dying Well”

**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress that has been made to date and the work that is planned for the in-depth project which the Scrutiny of Health Committee is undertaking into End of Life Care (EoLC) across North Yorkshire.

**Background**

2. At the 1 July 2016 Scrutiny of Health Committee meeting, the initial framework for this piece of in-depth scrutiny was agreed by Members. A project plan synopsis was requested to be prepared to guide the Committee’s work over the next 6 months. The project plan is included in this report for comment, in particular identifying any gaps or omissions.

**Work to date**

3. Since the last meeting of the Scrutiny of Health Committee on 1 July 2016, the following activities have been undertaken to progress this project:
  - Development and refinement of the project plan
  - Initial scoping exercise with North Yorkshire Healthwatch as to how they could support this piece of work
  - Contact with the North Yorkshire NHS Complaints and Advocacy Service
  - Finalisation of the areas of interest or lines of enquiry for the focus group sessions that are being planned
  - Meetings with North Yorkshire County Council lead officers across Health and Adult Services, Children and Young Peoples Services and Public Health
  - Discussions with the five North Yorkshire Clinical Commissioning Groups about their approach to commissioning End of Life Care Services, with a view to attending the 14 October 2016 Mid Cycle Briefing for an informal discussion
  - Identification of and preliminary discussions with a number of ‘expert witnesses’ who may be able to assist with providing evidence to this committee.

## Project Plan

4. The project plan for this extended piece of scrutiny work is as below:

Date	Action
July 2016	Committee meeting on 1 July - project launch, initial meeting; and engagement with Hospices
	Mid Cycle Briefing on 29 July - identification of issues (lines of enquiry) to explore at focus group meetings for confirmation with Tony Collins
August 2016	Further research and contacts, refinement of the project plan and preparation for 2 September committee meeting
September 2016	<p>Committee meeting on 2 September - update on Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</p> <p>Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) report 'Dying Well: an Overview of End of Life Care in North Yorkshire' report and presentation - Victoria Turner, Specialty Registrar in Public Health</p> <p>Introduction and context setting by Alex Bird, Chief Executive Officer, Age UK North Yorkshire – Health and Wellbeing Sponsor for Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority of 'Dying Well'.</p>
September to November 2016	<p>Focus group sessions (TBC). The following key questions were identified at the Mid Cycle Briefing on 29 July 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bereavement counselling</li> <li>• Dying at home/choice of place of death</li> <li>• Palliative care</li> <li>• Hospice funding</li> <li>• Planning for death.</li> </ul> <p>Tony Collins, Chief Executive, Saint Michael's, Harrogate to assist with the development and management of these sessions.</p> <p>With all of the above the focus is upon looking at the current state and then scoping out what the future state could/should be. This then takes into account variations and inequalities across the county and also across different groups of people (by age or by disease type). Also, the degree to which people have choice.</p> <p>In parallel to the focus group sessions, North Yorkshire HealthWatch are looking at the feasibility of undertaking a patient (and affected others) experience survey.</p>
October 2016	Mid Cycle Briefing on 14 October – update on focus group sessions and early findings of work to date
	CCG perspective – overview of the current and planned provision/commissioning of End of life care services by the 5 CCGs in North Yorkshire.

Date	Action
November 2016	<p>Committee meeting on 18 November – update on programme of work, outcome of focus group sessions and ‘expert witnesses’ to be confirmed.</p> <p>Likely to include insight into the services that are available for children and young people across North Yorkshire.</p>
December 2016	<p>Mid Cycle Briefing on 16 December – early draft of the final report for discussion, additions and amendments. Possible identification of further lines of enquiry.</p>
January 2017	<p>Early January 2017 - circulate report to partners and contributors for comment, additions and amendments.</p> <p>Committee meeting on 27 January – draft report for discussion and sign off (subject to requested amendments).</p>
February 2017	<p>Finalisation of report.</p>
March 2017	<p>Report to Health and Wellbeing Board on 17 March 2017.</p>

### Anticipated outcomes

5. Two outcomes are anticipated from this piece of scrutiny work:

- A number of guiding principles or standards will be identified for the commissioning and/or provision of End of Life Care in North Yorkshire, which help improve the experience of those people affected
- The consultation and engagement work undertaken by the committee will provide further evidence to inform the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), specifically around ‘soft intelligence’ and the areas highlighted for further assessment and/or investigation.

### Reference material

6. In addition to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) report ‘Dying Well: an Overview of End of Life Care in North Yorkshire’ (Agenda Item 6), the table below provides some of the key reference documents:

<p><b>North Yorkshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment</b>  <a href="http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=26753">http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=26753</a></p>
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<p><b>North Yorkshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy</b>  <a href="http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20933">http://www.nypartnerships.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20933</a></p>
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<p><b>North Yorkshire JSNA: End of Life Care [full report]</b></p>
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<http://hub.datanorthyorkshire.org/dataset/jsna-data>

**Ambitions for Palliative and End of Life Care: a national framework for local action 2015-2020**

<http://endoflifecareambitions.org.uk/>

**Guide for commissioners on end of life care for adults**

NICE commissioning guidelines [CMG42], December 2011

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cmg42>

**Care Quality Commission: 'A different ending: End of life care review'**

Addressing inequalities in end of life care

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/content/different-ending-end-life-care-review>

**On the Brink: The Future of End of Life Care**

Report by the End of Life Care Coalition

<http://endoflifecampaign.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/End-of-Life-Report-WEB.pdf>

**Nuffield Trust: Exploring cost of care at the end of life**

Providing a best estimate of current costs, and comparing to Marie Curie community model

[http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/sites/files/nuffield/publication/end\\_of\\_life\\_care.pdf](http://www.nuffieldtrust.org.uk/sites/files/nuffield/publication/end_of_life_care.pdf)

## Recommendations

7. That Members:
  - a) offer any comments on the project plan, in particular identifying any gaps or omissions
  - b) review the national and local evidence base (see reference materials in paragraph 6 and the JSNA report at Agenda Item 6) to identify any additional lines of enquiry.

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**Background Documents: None**