

**North Yorkshire County Council
Scrutiny of Health Committee
18 November 2016**

**End of Life Care and 'Dying Well'
Progress report on in-depth scrutiny**

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress that has been made to date with the in-depth scrutiny that the Scrutiny of Health Committee is undertaking on End of Life Care (EoLC) across North Yorkshire.

Members are asked to review the progress to date, seek clarifications and make suggestions for further lines of enquiry.

Background

1. At the 1 July 2016 Scrutiny of Health Committee meeting, the initial framework for this piece of in-depth scrutiny was agreed by Members. At the last meeting of the Scrutiny of Health Committee on 2 September 2016, the project plan was formally signed off. What follows is a summary of the progress that has been made to date.
2. The intention is to submit the final version of the report into the in-depth scrutiny of End of Life Care in North Yorkshire to the Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 17 March 2017. A series of recommendations will be made.

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 in-depth piece of scrutiny:
 - Ongoing development and refinement of the project plan as it is implemented and new data, information and analysis is gathered
 - 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
 - Discussions and feedback from a series of expert witnesses
 - Finalisation of 3 site visits to hospices in Harrogate, Scarborough and York
 - Work with North Yorkshire Healthwatch on developing a process to capture the views of the public on the End of Life Care that is available in North Yorkshire
 - Initial drafting of the final report, with the identification of the emergent issues.

Work programme and key milestones

4. The work programme is as below:

Date	Action	Complete
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 and evidence from 'expert witnesses'.</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>Contribution from Alex Bird, Chief Executive Officer, Age UK North Yorkshire – Health and Wellbeing Sponsor for Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority of 'Dying Well'.</p>	✓
October 2016	Mid Cycle Briefing on 14 October – CCG perspective – overview of the current and planned provision and commissioning of End of life care services by the 5 CCGs in North Yorkshire.	✓
	21 October – North Yorkshire Wider Partnership Conference workshop on End of Life Care.	
November 2016	<p>10 November 2016 – site visit to Saint Michael's, Harrogate - convened by Tony Collins.</p> <p>16 November 2016 – site visit to St Catherine's Hospice, Scarborough - convened by Mike Wilkerson.</p>	
	A joint press release to be issued, by NYCC and NY Healthwatch, inviting people to share their experiences of End of Life Care. Responses to be gathered and analysed by NY Healthwatch.	
	Committee meeting on 18 November – update on programme of work, outcome of site visits and evidence from 'expert witnesses'.	
	Expert witness – Clair Holdsworth, Deputy Director of Clinical Services, Martin House - Hospice Care for	

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	Children and Young People.	
December 2016	Mid Cycle Briefing on 16 December – early draft of report for discussion.	
	13 December 2016 – site visit to St Leonard's Hospice, York - convened by Emma Johnson.	
	Healthwatch to undertake a survey and analysis of findings to feed into December early draft report.	
January 2017	Healthwatch to undertake 'Enter and View' visits and feed the analysis of findings into the report in February 2017. Early January 2017 - circulate report to partners and contributors for comment, additions and amendments. Committee meeting on 27 January – draft report for discussion and sign off (subject to requested amendments).	
February 2017	Finalisation of report.	
March 2017	Report to Health and Wellbeing Board on 17 March. Press release.	

Recommendations

- Members are asked to review the progress to date, seek clarifications and make any suggestions for further lines of enquiry.

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Background Documents: None