

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE
7 April 2017**

Remit of the Committee and Main Areas of Work

Purpose of Report

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

1. The role of the Scrutiny of Health Committee is to review any matter relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in the County.
2. 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.
3. 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 and Mid Cycle Briefing dates

4. Forthcoming committee dates are:
 - 10am on 23 June 2017
 - 10am on 22 September 2017
 - 10am on 15 December 2017.

All the meetings will be held at County Hall.

5. Forthcoming Mid Cycle Briefing dates are:

- 10.30am on 28 July 2017
- 10.30am 3 November 2017
- 10.30am 26 January 2018
- 10.30am 27 April 2018.

These are not public meetings and are attended by the Spokespersons for the political groups.

Areas of Involvement and Work Programme

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

Recommendation

7. 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.

Daniel Harry
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