

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
**17 December 2021**  
**Committee work programme**

**1.0 Purpose of report**

1.1 This report provides Members with details of some of the specific responsibilities and powers relating to this committee and also a copy of the committee work programme for review and comment (Appendix 1).

**2.0 Introduction**

2.1 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.

2.2 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.

2.3 Further information is available in the Department of Health (2014) guidance to local authorities entitled 'Local Authority Health Scrutiny Guidance to support Local Authorities and their partners to deliver effective health scrutiny'. It is available via the following link - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/advice-to-local-authorities-on-scrutinising-health-services>

**3.0 Scheduled Committee meetings and Mid Cycle Briefing dates**

3.1 The next meeting of the committee is at 10am on 11 March 2022. The next scheduled meeting of the Mid Cycle Briefing is 10am on 28 January 2022.

3.2 Please note that the Mid Cycle Briefings are not public meetings and are attended by the Chair, Vice-Chair and Spokespersons for the political groups. These meetings are used to develop the committee work programme and determine the scheduling of key items.

3.3 At present, all meetings will be held remotely by Microsoft Teams. The committee meetings will be broadcast live and will be shown on the Council YouTube pages. The committee meetings will also be recorded.

**4.0 Areas of Involvement and Work Programme**

4.1 The Committee's on-going and emerging areas of work are summarised in the work programme in Appendix 1.

**5.0 Recommendation**

- 5.1 That Members review the committee's work programme, taking into account the issues highlighted in this report, the outcome of discussions on previous agenda items and any other developments taking place across the County.

Daniel Harry  
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**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Scrutiny of Health Committee – Work Programme 2020/21**  
**Version – 2 December 2021**

	10 Sep	5 Nov	17 Dec	21 Jan	11 Mar	ACC	
	COM	MCB	COM	MCB	COM		
<b>Strategic Developments</b>							<b>Comment</b>
1. NHS response to the pandemic, recovery plans, lessons learned and new ways of working. In addition to hospital and community services, this will include: community pharmacies; dentistry; health and social care integration; and community transport.	✓		✓		✓		A substantive piece of work to be co-ordinated by the Council's Scrutiny Board as it is cross-cutting. Expected to be a series of lines of enquiry over the course of a number of meetings
2. Prevalence data on the pandemic and vaccination rates	✓		✓				Public Health updates
3. Development of the Integrated Care Systems and Partnerships that cover North Yorkshire					✓		Strategic view of the form and function of the Local Care Partnerships within the ICSs that cover North Yorkshire
4. Unavoidably small hospitals			✓				Overview of key issues facing smaller hospitals in rural and coastal areas
5. Independent public inquiry into the UK Government handling of the COVID-19 pandemic							Report due Spring 2022 - TBC
<b>Local Service Developments</b>							
1. Harrogate and Rural Alliance - Adult Community and Health Services	✓						Update on progress with the model. Follow up at committee on 9 September 2022
2. Redevelopment of Whitby Hospital					✓	Y	Final update to the March 2022 meeting of the committee
3. Changes to the management of hyper acute Scarborough Hospital			✓			Y	Final update to the December 2021 meeting, with a focus upon patient outcomes
4. Capital investment in Scarborough Hospital and the development of the Emergency Department and critical care facilities					✓		Capital investment in Scarborough Hospital and the development of the Emergency Department and critical care
5. Scarborough Hospital CQC inspection January 2020						Y	Exception reporting only

6. Mental health enhanced community services			✓				Scrutiny of outcomes data
7. TEWV CQC inspections and action plans			✓				Follow up on implementation of the improvement plan (deferred from September 2021 meeting)
8. Temporary closure of the Esk ward at Cross Lane Hospital			✓				Update on restoration of services - TEWV
9. Catterick Integrated Care Campus project						Y	Referred to the Richmond (Yorks) ACC to lead
10. Review of urgent care pathway in the Vale of York CCG area					✓		Update on progress to the March 2022 meeting of the committee
11. Review of primary care services in and around Easingwold						Y	Referred to Thirsk and Malton ACC to lead
12. Proposed re-build of the Airedale Hospital on the existing site						Y	Link with the Skipton and Ripon ACC
<b>Public Health Developments</b>							
1. NHS Dentistry – access to and availability of places							Item to be developed on the Council's role in the promotion of good oral hygiene
2. Consultation on changes to sexual health service in North Yorkshire		✓					Report on first 6 months of new service at committee on 9 September 2022

### Meeting dates 2020/21

Scrutiny of Health Committee – 10am	10 September 2021	17 December 2021	11 March 2022
Mid Cycle Briefing – 10.00am*	5 November 2021	28 January 2022	22 April 2022

\*Mid Cycle Briefings are attended by the Chair, Vice Chair and Group Spokespersons only.

The following meetings were cancelled due to pandemic: 24 April 2020 committee; 19 June 2020 committee; 24 July 2020 Mid Cycle Briefing. An informal committee briefing was held on 16 July 2020.

Please note that the work programme is under continuous review and items may be rescheduled a number of times during the course of the year.