

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**SCRUTINY OF HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
**11 March 2022**  
**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 Areas of Involvement and Work Programme**

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

**4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1 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.

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**Scrutiny of Health Committee – Work Programme 2022**  
**Version – 3 March 2022**

	17 Dec	28 Jan	11 Mar	22 Apr	17 Jun	ACC	
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<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.	✓		✓		✓		28 June committee to focus upon: the learning from the pandemic and how this has shaped the development of services, such as primary care, outpatients, screening and diagnostics, and remote technologies
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
6. Report by West Yorkshire Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on the Nightingale Hospital, Harrogate.					✓		County Councillor Jim Clark to present to the committee
7. Response to workforce pressures within health and social care							Review of current workforce pressures across the health and social care system and the response to them – 9 September 2022
8. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment							Review draft PNA and explore the wider role that pharmacies have to play in the local community as a first point of contact – date TBC
<b>Local Service Developments</b>							
1. Harrogate and Rural Alliance - Adult Community and Health Services						Y	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. Hyper acute stroke services for the North Yorkshire population	✓		✓			Y	Briefing on patient outcomes to include average repatriation times
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 and subsequent re-inspections – June 2022
8. Temporary closure of the Esk ward at Cross Lane Hospital	✓						Update on restoration of services – TEWV to brief Chairman ahead of March 2022 committee
9. Catterick Integrated Care Campus project						Y	Referred to the Richmond (Yorks) ACC to lead
10. Review of urgent care pathways in the Vale of York CCG area							Project start deferred 18 months to mid-2023 due to covid-19 service pressures
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
3. Overview of Public Health commissioning, provision and budget planning					✓		

## Meeting dates

Scrutiny of Health Committee – 10am	11 March 2022	17 June 2022	9 September 2022	16 December 2022	10 March 2023
Mid Cycle Briefing – 10.00am*	22 April 2022	22 July 2022	4 November 2022	20 January 2023	21 April 2023

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

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.