
HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Work Programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be added to the previously approved Work Programme.

Summary

2. Members will recall that, at previous meetings of this Scrutiny Committee, discussions have been held and agreement reached on areas which this Scrutiny Committee would like to undertake a number of pieces of work. Although there are a couple of areas where work is still on-going, the majority of this work has now been completed and Members are requested to consider area where it would like to focus its work over the next Municipal Year.
3. Members are now requested to consider the current status of the Work Programme (**Appendix 1**) and suggest any further areas of work which Scrutiny would like to undertake.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that Members note the current status of the Work Programme (**Appendix 1**) and consider any additional areas of work they would like to include.

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Background Papers

There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder.
Health and Well Being	This report has implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington, through scrutinising the services provided by the NHS Trusts.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address.
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the delivery of the objectives of the Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of local elected members contributing to the Healthy Darlington Theme Group.
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.

MAIN REPORT

Work Programme

5. For Members information, it has been previously agreed that a number of topics be included on the Work Programme of the Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee and Quad of Aims have previously been approved. The status of each of those items is detailed in **Appendix 1**.
6. A key role of Scrutiny is to ensure that the programme is able to deliver the service improvement and the budget savings necessary and Members need to take this into account when considering their Work Programmes and ensure that any work focuses on delivering outcomes rather than service delivery.

Quad of Aims

7. If Members wish to add any topics to this Work Programme, a Quad of Aims will need to be developed and submitted prior to the item being brought to Scrutiny Committee, to ensure that it does contribute to the strategic aims of the Council.

Forward Plan

8. Members are also requested to consider Cabinet's Forward Plan, which is available on the Council's website, to assist in determining any further items which they might wish to include on their work programme, and if so, complete the necessary documentation.

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ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment	To consider the Strategic Needs Assessment for Darlington.	On Going – Last considered November 2015. Analysis of Data to be considered February 2016.
Stroke Services (CCG)	To consider provision of stroke after care in Darlington in terms of rehabilitation and community facilities following discharge from Bishop Auckland Hospital.	On Going - Members wish to monitor Care in the Community following discharge from Bishop Auckland Hospital. Report to be submitted to a future meeting of Scrutiny once the Transformation Team has investigated the rehabilitation pathway.
North East Review of the health needs of the ex-service community	To consider an update on the progress Darlington Borough Council has made against the recommendations agreed by the North East Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Item appears elsewhere on this Agenda.
Update on Health and Social Care Delivery Plan and Health and Well Being Strategy	To consider the Health and Social Care Delivery Plan and Health and Well Being Strategy and feed comments to the Health and Well Being Board.	On Going – Last considered September 2015.

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Telehealthcare	To raise awareness and the profile of Telehealth and consider the potential benefits and efficiencies that could be achieved for Darlington.	<p>Members agreed to scrutinise Darlington projects only.</p> <p>Members also agreed to establish a Joint Review Group with Adults and Housing with Ian Briggs of the Trust being invited.</p> <p>A Scoping meeting was held 2 October with Ian Briggs, CDDFT, Eileen Carbro, NHS England, Jeanette Crompton, Stephen Bennett (DBC) and Chair and Vice-Chair of H&P Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>Two further meetings are to be arranged in 2016 to :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider a user friendly guide to Telehealth and Telecare, virtual tour of a Healthy Town, and nutrition; and • seek views from service users, MDT's and the RIACT Team.
Partnerships Overview and Local Strategic Partnership	To provide Members with an overview of the Partnerships arrangements in place.	Item appears elsewhere on this Agenda.

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Urgent Care Integration/Strategy	To scrutinise the progress made and the discussions being held between Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group and County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust to integrate the Urgent Care Services from Dr Piper House to Darlington Memorial Hospital.	<p>On-going – Scrutiny received clarity on the proposals to co-locate A&E and Urgent Care at DMH to future-proof the service. The proposals include integration of the Emergency Department, Urgent Care and Paediatric Front of House and in order to achieve increased capacity there are plans to relocate the Main Entrance. Proposals to create a better environment for patients and visitors and improve the traffic flow as part of the scheme have been welcomed. The works are scheduled for completion by the end of 2016 at a cost of approximately £5 million.</p> <p>Members were informed that there were some positives following co-location of evening activity although there were still some issues surrounding estates. Day time activity could move to DMH by December 2015. SeQIHS had to be taken into consideration and a Working Group has been established.</p> <p>Members received a CCG report in November 2015 detailing progress made in producing the strategy.</p>

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Access to GP appointments	To gather, collate and assess evidence of the issue of accessing Primary Care and particularly GP appointments.	<p>An evaluation report by Healthwatch Darlington was now available on the two schemes implemented as part of the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund.</p> <p>Members were advised that additional services were now available and that the System Resilience Group received a booked appointments monthly report.</p> <p>Members may wish to keep a 'watching brief' on the access issue and request a six monthly report from the Resilience Group via the CCG.</p> <p>Item to be programmed March 2016.</p>
Securing Quality of Health Services (SeQIHS)	To consider an update on progress of the principles underpinning SeQIHS and the timelines for progress.	<p>Ongoing - Last considered September 2015.</p> <p>Members informed research into human geography and demographics had begun to map potential access to services.</p> <p>A Working Group of representatives from all NHS Trusts has been established.</p> <p>The Chair recently met with Alison Wilson, CCG and Jon Tomlinson, NHS England Commissioning Manager to discuss issues around SeQIHS.</p>

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		A special meeting of Scrutiny Committee is to be arranged to consider SeQIHS in more detail.
Winter Debrief and Forward View	To consider the problems and issues encountered during the Winter Period, the actions taken and the effectiveness of those actions.	Members agreed to receive a report after Winter.
Long Term Conditions	To scrutinise the progress of the Long Term Conditions Collaborative.	<p>The Project Initiation Document (PID) has now been received from CDDFT and work can proceed.</p> <p>Last considered November 2015, a further report appears elsewhere on this Agenda to consider feedback from the cross organisational rapid process improvement event held in October.</p>
Performance Management Update	To provide Members with an update regarding the Performance Management Framework.	<p>Continual half-yearly monitoring will take place.</p> <p>Monitoring report to meetings of this Committee scheduled for :-</p> <p>4 November 2015 – Quarter 2</p> <p>20 April 2016 – Year end performance</p>

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Management of Change Programme		<p>Continual half-yearly monitoring will take place :-</p> <p>Monitoring reports to be submitted to meetings of this Committee scheduled for :-</p> <p>9 September 2015 –Quarter 1 – Considered November</p> <p>24 February 2016 – Quarter 3 Year-end performance – 20 April 2016</p>
Quality Accounts – Tees, Esk and Wear Valley	To enable Members to gain a better understanding and knowledge of performance when asked to submit a commentary on the Quality Accounts at the end of the Municipal Year 2014/15.	On-going – Special meeting arranged for 4 December 2015 to assist Scrutiny in formulating a response during April/May 2016.
Quality Accounts – County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust	To enable Members to gain a better understanding and knowledge of performance when asked to submit a commentary on the Quality Accounts at the end of the Municipal Year 2015/16.	On-going – Special meeting arranged for 16 December to assist Scrutiny in formulating a response during April/May 2016.
Eye Health	To gain an understanding of eye health and the impact of sight loss.	A link has been established with the North East and Cumbria Local Eye Health Network. CCG is looking at pathways of care for sight loss and will report to a future meeting of this Scrutiny.

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		A meeting of the Review Group was held 25 November 2015. Notes of that meeting appear elsewhere on today's Agenda.
Healthy Darlington Obesity	To promote a healthier lifestyle with a focus on adult nutrition and healthy eating. To establish whether any of the Strategies and recommendations of the Obesity Review Group have been implemented.	On-going - Last considered by Scrutiny September 2015. Last considered 4 November 2015 where Members received information relating to the various services and initiatives that were now linked in an effort to tackle obesity. Obesity Strategy to be submitted February 2016.
Men's Health	To raise awareness of Men's Health issues and establish whether Scrutiny Committee can assist in sharing information within the Borough.	Ongoing - The Men's Health Champion, Councillor D Regan to provide Committee with a verbal update.
Community Equipment Loan Service (previously known as the Home Equipment Loan Service)	To scrutinise the service.	Following a service review by four Trusts and three CCG's a new provider has been appointed. The new provider has indicated they would be willing to attend a future meeting of Scrutiny. Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee to monitor the service – 23 February 2016.

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End of Life and Palliative Care	To gain an understanding of processes in place across agencies.	<p>Joint meeting with Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee to be scheduled.</p> <p>CDDFT indicated at Special meeting on 23 April that Julie Clenell and Richard Nixon of CDDFT would be willing to attend a future meeting of Scrutiny – Joint meeting with Adults and Housing to be arranged.</p> <p>Jane Bradshaw has also indicated that Members could visit St Teresa's Hospice on a date to be arranged.</p>
New Care Act 2014	To gain an understanding of the New Care Act 2014.	<p>Report to be submitted to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Committee on implementation of the New Care Act.</p> <p>Considered by A&H on 15 September 2015.</p>
Hearing Loss	To gain an understanding of hearing loss and its impact.	Item to be deferred at this time to enable the Eye Health Review to be completed.
Mental Health Crisis Concordat	To receive quarterly updates against National priorities.	<p>Dr Chris Lanigan has previously indicated that he would be willing to attend a future meeting of Scrutiny Committee to provide Members with an update on the Concordat.</p> <p>To be scheduled in 2016.</p>

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Community Safety Plan	To scrutinise the plan	Ongoing – Item considered November 2015.
Financial Inclusion Group including the Social Fund	To scrutinise the Group	To be programmed.