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HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
WORK PROGRAMME

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**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.

## HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Darlington Strategic Needs Assessment	To consider the Strategic Needs Assessment for Darlington.	On Going – Last considered October 2013.
Stroke Services	To consider provision of stroke after care in Darlington in terms of rehabilitation and community facilities following discharge from Bishop Auckland Hospital.	On Going - Last considered in January 2014. CDDFT to investigate why admission to the Ward was much quicker if presenting to University Hospital North Tees.
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.	On-going – Item to be submitted to a future meeting of Scrutiny.
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.	To be reviewed as a future agenda item.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Telehealthcare	To raise awareness and the profile of Telehealth and consider the potential benefits and efficiencies that could be achieved for Darlington.	<p>Work is progressing on Telehealth which forms part of the larger Digital Care Programme. A report was considered by Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny, on 26 March 2015, in relation to remote monitoring technology to improve clinical outcomes and quality of life for patients on long term anti-coagulation therapy.</p> <p>Members agreed to scrutinise Darlington projects only.</p>
Partnerships Overview	To provide Members with an overview of the Partnerships arrangements in place.	On-going - Last considered by Scrutiny on 5 November 2014.
Local Strategic Partnership and One Darlington Perfectly Placed: Delivery Strategy.	To enable Members to receive an overview of the work of the Partnerships and consider the development of One Darlington Perfectly Placed: Delivery Strategy.	On-going - Last considered by Scrutiny on 5 November 2014.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Urgent Care Integration	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.	On-going – CCG to submit an update report once an evaluation of the service has been completed. CCG have requested that this be implemented by September 2015. Due to further remodelling of works further delays have been announced. Members have expressed real concerns at the delays and requested that a message be relayed to the public that DMH Accident and Emergency department was not closing.
Maternity and Children's Service at the Friarage Hospital	To respond to the impending consultation concerning the Midwife Led Maternity Unit and Paediatric Short Stay Assessment Unit at The Friarage Hospital.	Members wish to monitor the effects on DMH following change of service provision to Women and Children's Services at The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton. Statistical information to be provided to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Committee. A visit to observe the service to be arranged.
Access to GP appointments	To gather, collate and assess evidence of the issue of accessing Primary Care and particularly GP appointments.	Work has scaled down due to new flexible arrangements and extra funding for Access to GP appointments. Final report of the Trust's Patient Experience Task Group has been requested to identify areas where Scrutiny could investigate. Three schemes have begun as part of the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund and will be evaluated May/June 2015. Dr Steele has indicated she would be willing to update Scrutiny following the evaluation.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Securing Quality of Health Services (SeQHis)	To consider an update on progress of phase two, the standards and in particular the feasibility study.	Last considered by Scrutiny Committee January 2015. Report detailing the outcome of the survey to be submitted to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Committee once the results are known.
Winter planning and preparedness	To consider and receive assurance that winter plans are in place to deal with the additional pressures the NHS face during the winter period.	Item has been superseded and scrutiny of the effectiveness of the steps taken is to be considered.
Public Health Update on Alcohol	To scrutinise the indicators relating to alcohol featured in the Darlington Health Profile for 2013.	Item completed - Cabinet approved the Final Report on 3 March 2015.
Long Term Conditions	To scrutinise the progress of the Long Term Conditions Collaborative.	Work is now progressing due to the appointment of the Project Co-ordinator. Absorbed by the Better Care Fund. Report to a future meeting of Scrutiny.
NHS Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group Strategic Plans - Five Year Forward View	To scrutinise the Strategy Plan	Ongoing – Last considered on 25 February 2015.
Sustainable Community Strategy	To contribute to the revised SCS document and consider how Scrutiny could contribute to the objectives to reduce inequality by ensuring Darlington has more people active and involved, healthy and independent and enough support for people when needed.	Strategy approved – Further monitoring of outcomes to be programmed in conjunction with the Performance Management Information item

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Performance Management Framework and possible links with future Work Programme	To provide an update regarding the Performance Management framework in order to inform the future work programme of this Scrutiny Committee.	Ongoing – Last considered on 25 February 2015.
Strategic Grants Performance	To inform Members of performance of organisations receiving strategic grant as agreed in the Cabinet Report of 1 July 2013.	On-going – Last considered by Scrutiny on 7 January 2015. Report to be submitted to the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee in June to scrutinise the end of year performance and options for future delivery.
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 – To be considered at a special meeting scheduled for 23 April 2015 .
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 2013/14.	On-going – To be considered at a special meeting scheduled for 23 April 2015.
Dementia Strategy	To enable Members to provide views on the Dementia Strategy. This brings together key stakeholders across the area from both health and social care to set out a range of priority areas across the whole spectrum of dementia.	Implementation of the Strategy has to be monitored by Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Out Patient Breast Cancer Service	To scrutinise the Trust proposals in relation to the temporary, relocation of outpatients services from Darlington Memorial Hospital to Bishop Auckland Hospital	On Going – Committee have now been informed by the service will operate between the two sites of University Hospital North Durham and Darlington Memorial Hospital. Regular updates have been requested.
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. Item deferred to June 2015.
Healthy Eating	To promote a healthier lifestyle with a focus on adult nutrition and healthy eating.	To be reviewed as an Agenda item in 2015.
Prostate Cancer	To raise awareness of Prostate Cancer and establish whether Scrutiny Committee can assist in sharing information within the Borough	Ongoing - The Men's Health Champion, Councillor D Regan, gave an update to Scrutiny on 25 February 2015.
Darlington Health Profiles	To receive a report on the Health Profiles for Darlington	Last considered by Committee in September. Updates on progress to be submitted to a future meeting of Scrutiny.
Healthy Darlington	To promote a healthier way of life.	Last considered by Scrutiny September 2014. Update to be provided in June 2015.
Home Equipment Loan Service	To scrutinise the service.	To be scheduled.

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Better Care Fund	To gain an understanding of the Better Care Fund.	Ongoing – Item to be programmed.
End of Life and Palliative Care	To gain an understanding of processes in place.	Joint meeting with Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee to be scheduled.
North East Ambulance Service (NEAS)	To scrutinise the pressures the NEAS face, especially during the winter period.	Item to be considered by Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny after which a special meeting of this Scrutiny to be arranged to give consideration to NEAS and Winter planning and preparedness.
New Care Act 2014	To gain an understanding of the New Care Act 2014.	Report to be submitted to a future meeting of this Scrutiny Committee on implementation of the New Care Act.
Hearing Loss	To gain an understanding of hearing loss and its impact.	To be scheduled.
Mental Health Crisis Concordat	To receive quarterly updates against National priorities.	To be scheduled.
Public Health Annual Report	To consider the Public Health Annual Report.	Deferred from February 2015 - Appears elsewhere on this Agenda.
Sepsis	To raise awareness of Sepsis and establish whether Scrutiny Committee can assist in sharing information within the Borough	Appears elsewhere on this Agenda.