
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.

HEALTH AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment	To consider the Strategic Needs Assessment for Darlington.	Item to be archived
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.	<p>On Going - Members wish to monitor Care in the Community following discharge from Bishop Auckland Hospital. Members suggested that discharged patients may require a follow-up as they may be willing to engage at a later date.</p> <p>Available transport to access the service also caused concerns.</p> <p>The CCG advised that a report was to be submitted to a future meeting of Scrutiny once the Transformation Team has investigated the rehabilitation pathway.</p> <p>In June 2016 the CCG advised that it had refreshed its plans and priorities and that elements of stroke were to be commissioned and further details would be provide at a future meeting of Scrutiny.</p>

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<p>Urgent Care Integration/Strategy</p> <p>Item to be incorporated into the Better Health Programme topic</p>	<p>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>	<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> <p>In February 2016 Members noted that the Strategy had been presented to the Board and a ‘Plan on a Page’ was currently being</p>

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		<p>devised. Further dialogue with CDDFT was required as issues around space for co-location still exist. A report would be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.</p> <p>On 22 June 2016 Members were very disappointed and frustrated to learn that there was a distinct lack of progress co-location of A&E and Urgent Care at DMH. For some time there has been a proposal to invest £5m to co-locate but are now informed that there will be a drastic reduction in investment from £5m to £0.5m and this funding is dependent upon an application to the Primary Care Transformation Fund (Estates and Technology).</p> <p>Members will continue to monitor this situation very closely to see what impact it will have on Darlington residents and people from the surrounding area.</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>General Practice Forward View appears on today's Agenda.</p> <p>Item appears elsewhere on today's Agenda.</p>
Better Health Programme (formerly SeQIHS)	To consider an update on progress of the principles underpinning the Better health Programme and the timelines for progress.	<p>Ongoing - Last considered 22 April 2016.</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 has met with Alison Wilson,</p>

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		<p>CCG and Jon Tomlinson, NHS England Commissioning Manager to discuss issues around the Better Health Programme.</p> <p>A special meeting of Scrutiny Committee is to be arranged to consider the Better Health Programme in more detail.</p> <p>A Joint Health Scrutiny Committee has been established under the provisions of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 involving all local authorities affected by the Better Health Programme and any associated service review proposals.</p> <p>Councillors Newall, Taylor and H Scott have been nominated as this Council's representatives on the Better Health Programme Joint Scrutiny Committee and attended the meeting held on 7 July 2016.</p>
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.	Item to be archived.
Long Term Conditions	To scrutinise the progress of the Long Term Conditions Collaborative.	The Project Initiation Document (PID) has now been received from CDDFT and work can proceed.

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		<p>Report to consider feedback from the cross organisational rapid process improvement event held in October 2015 was considered by Scrutiny in January 2016.</p> <p>The Project is due to complete on 30 October 2016 and a final report to be submitted to Scrutiny in 2017</p>
<p>Eye Health</p> <p>National Eye Health Week 19 to 25 September 2016</p>	<p>To gain an understanding of eye health and the impact of sight loss.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>A meeting of the Review Group was held 25 November 2015.</p> <p>Officers to investigate the feasibility of holding an Eye Health roadshow in the Town Hall Civic Reception to alert staff to the importance of eye health.</p> <p>The Chair is in contact with Healthwatch Darlington regarding its Roadshow Events in the Borough.</p>
<p>Healthy Weight Management for Darlington (formerly Healthy Darlington and Obesity)</p>	<p>To promote a healthier lifestyle with a focus on adult nutrition and healthy eating.</p>	<p>On-going - Last considered by Scrutiny September 2015.</p>

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	To establish whether any of the Strategies and recommendations of the Obesity Review Group have been implemented.	Last considered 24 February 2016 where Members received information relating to the various services and initiatives that were now linked in an effort to tackle obesity.
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>An update was given by Councillor S Richmond following consideration by A&H on 21 June 2016</p> <p>Item to be archived.</p>
Mental Health Crisis Concordat	To receive quarterly updates against National priorities.	<p>On-going – Last considered 24 February 2016</p> <p>Members particularly welcomed the Local Darlington Action Plan.</p> <p>A further report to be submitted to this Scrutiny Committee at the end of Summer 2016 when further data would be available to scrutinise.</p> <p>Item appears elsewhere on today's Agenda</p>

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Financial Inclusion Action Group	To scrutinise the Group	<p>On-going - Item considered as part of the Partnerships Overview and Local Strategic Partnership January 2016.</p> <p>The Executive Director of Darlington Partnership to be requested to submit a report on the impact of welfare reforms to a future meeting of this Committee.</p>
Perfect Week	To provide Members with feedback following Perfect Week at Darlington Memorial Hospital – 9 to 16 December 2015	<p>Last considered 24 February 2016.</p> <p>A progress report to a future meeting of Scrutiny Committee on Discharge Management was requested to scrutinise data once analysed with particular emphasis on discharge time and comparisons with DMH and UHND.</p> <p>Item to be archived as relevant information forms part of Quality Accounts</p>
Medium Term Financial Plan	To monitor the outcomes	Special Meetings were held 15 and 18 April and 12 May, 2016 and Scrutiny Committee's response has been forwarded to Cabinet.
Mental Health Services Older People	To scrutinise the public consultation undertaken by Darlington CCG, Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgfield CCG, North Durham CCG and Tees Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust on the	Special meeting held 12 May 2016 where Scrutiny agreed that a robust consultation had been undertaken in accordance with Section 244 of the NHS Act 2006.

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	future location and configuration of assessment and treatment beds for people with dementia in County Durham and Darlington.	A further report to be submitted to this Scrutiny Committee following an evaluation to be undertaken in March 2017. Item to be archived.
County Durham Community Fund	To scrutinise the application process.	Last considered by Scrutiny on 22 June 2016. Item to be archived.
Maternity Services including External Review	To scrutinise the service including multi-disciplinary working	June 2016 - The Chief Executive and Medical Director of CDDFT updated Committee regarding Maternity Services at Darlington Memorial Hospital following the articles in the Press relating to the recent external review. The review by York Foundation Trust had concluded that services were safe well thought of by users. The measures being undertaken to improve multidisciplinary working with the obstetrics service together with the recent temporary change regarding twins and the opportunity that this presented to further strengthen clinical pathways was acknowledged. Members welcomed the work with James Cook Hospital to enhance the service and ensure the best care for twin deliveries.

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JOINT COMMITTEE WORKING – ADULTS AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

ITEM	PURPOSE	STATUS
Update on New Models of Care as part of the Better Care Fund Project (formerly Update on Health and Social Care Delivery Plan and Health and Well Being Strategy)	To scrutinise the New Models of Care.	Last considered by Scrutiny – 20 April, 2016.
Telehealthcare Item to be incorporated into the Better Health Programme topic	To consider the potential benefits and efficiencies that could be achieved for Darlington.	<p>Members agreed to scrutinise Darlington projects only.</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. <p>Members noted that Ian Briggs was due to</p>

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		retire and the work of Telehealth and Telecare would now be undertaken by Ian Dove of CDDFT. Meeting to be arranged following recess.
Community Equipment Loan Service (previously known as the Home Equipment Loan Service)	To scrutinise the service.	<p>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.</p> <p>Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee to monitor the service – Date tbc.</p> <p>On 22 June 2016 Members expressed concerns at the service offered by the new provider, however, noted that work had been undertaken with all Care Homes in the Borough to secure the return of all outstanding equipment.</p>
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 have indicated Julie Clenell and Richard Nixon would be willing to attend a future meeting of Scrutiny – Joint meeting with Adults and Housing to be arranged.</p>

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		Jane Bradshaw has also indicated that Members could visit St Teresa's Hospice on a date to be arranged.
Discharge Management and Domiciliary Care	To scrutinise process in place	Meeting to be arranged.

JOINT COMMITTEE WORKING – CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Healthy Weight Management for Darlington (formerly Healthy Darlington and Obesity)	<p>To promote a healthier lifestyle with a focus on adult nutrition and healthy eating.</p> <p>To establish whether any of the Strategies and recommendations of the Obesity Review Group have been implemented.</p>	<p>On-going - Last considered by Scrutiny September 2015.</p> <p>Last considered 24 February 2016 where Members received information relating to the various services and initiatives that is now linked in an effort to tackle obesity.</p>